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NEW VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.

PROVISION AS TO FINES AND DISCIPLINE.

FORMATION OF AUXILIARY UNITS PROPOSED.

THE PERIOD OF TRAINING.

The Government Gazette contains the copy of a new Bill, being an amendment of the Volunteer Ordinance of 1920, and introducing several changes. There is better provision made for drills, and one or two obscure points of the old Ordinance are cleared up.

Of chief interest are the new auxiliary units that it is proposed to have. It may have been observed that the Corps now has a band, and only recently the signal section of the Engineers was made a special sub-unit, the Corps Signals. Under the new Ordinance it is also intended to have the following auxiliary units: A supplementary Reserve Company, an Army Service Corps cadre, a Lights Section cadre, and a Reserve of Officers.

It is provided that the Reserve Company shall consist of men who have reached 40 years of age, and the Supplementary Reserve Company shall consist generally of men who have attained the age of 50 years. There is provision for fines and disciplinary action. The "objects and reasons" fully set out the reasons for the changes introduced.

ATTENDANCE AT COURTS MARTIAL.

In the Draft Regulations issued of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, in connexion with the new Or or until arrangements can be made, it is specially set out to effect my relief. I further that members of the Supplementary Reserve Company shall not be required to undergo training, of my departure from the Colony, and of my return to the Colony.

Annual Training.

As regards the annual training, briefly, it is necessary to attend at least 15 instruction parades, carry out the required range practices, attend four days' camp, and attend the annual inspection. Volunteers declared efficient in three years, shall be required to attend 10 instruction parades, undergo the usual musketry, attend two days in the Reserve Company, and attend the annual inspection.

As regards recruits, they are required to put in 40 drills, or such number as may be required for fitness to be passed into the ranks. Recruits for the Reserve Company shall be required to do 20 parades or such less number as necessary. A recruit shall be anyone who has not served for at least one year in the regular Services, or in any Volunteer unit in any part of the Empire, or in the Royal Irish Constabulary.

Objects and Reasons.

So far as regards the actual amendments to the old Ordinance, the "objects and reasons" state: It is proposed to form a number of auxiliary units in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The units will be as follows:—

(a) A Supplementary Reserve Company, to consist of men who have attained the age of fifty years.

(b) An Army Service Corps Cadre.

(c) A Lights Section Cadre.

(d) A Reserve of Officers.

The members of the said Cadres shall not be required to undergo any training, and shall not unless called out for actual military service, be required to attend any parade or inspection.

No uniform will be issued to the members of the said Cadres unless they are called out for actual military service.

A member of either of the said Cadres may also be a member of the Reserve Company, in which case he shall be subject to all the obligations to which members of that company are subject.

The Reserve of Officers.

It is also stated that "Members of the Reserve of Officers shall not be required to undergo any training, and shall not unless called out for actual military service, be required to attend any parade or inspection." The form of declaration to be made by the special cadres, Form No. 3, is as follows: "I, hereby undertake that I will serve in the... Cadre of the Corps until I resign therefrom in writing, and that in the event of the said Cadre being called up for actual military service while I am still a member thereof, I will serve in the said Section until the period of service of the said Section is terminated in accordance with the provisions

INTIMIDATORS STILL ACTIVE.

CORROSIVE ACID THROWN AT WOMEN.

LOCAL FACTORY INCIDENTS.

During yesterday, three women workers at the China Foreign Knitting Factory, where an attempt was recently made by agitators to create a strike, were attacked by intimidators, who in every case used corrosive acid.

In the first case, it is reported that as one of the women was going up the staircase of her home on returning from work, she was suddenly attacked by an unknown man who had apparently followed her all the way from the factory. She was struck in the left side and corrosive acid was thrown on her. Fortunately for her, the acid only burnt away a part of her clothing, and did not cause any personal injury. Before the man ran away, the woman was able to identify him as the same man who, the day before, had warned her to keep away from a factory, or a serious accident might happen to her.

The other two cases also concerned women who still remained at work at the factory, notwithstanding a concerted attempt made by intimidators to induce them to go on strike. One of the women was attacked yesterday morning in Canton Road, the assailant striking the woman and throwing corrosive acid which caused damage to her clothing. The other woman, who lives at Reclamation Street, was followed right up to her house, and when corrosive acid was thrown, she felt a burning sensation on her hand. The man who threw the acid ran away and was not caught.

All three cases have been reported to the police who are taking special measures to protect the workers.

IMPERIAL RUBBER EXHIBITION.

FIRST OF AN EMPIRE SERIES.

London, Dec. 2. The Imperial Rubber Exhibition was opened to-day at the Imperial Institute by Captain Hacking, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade.

Capt. Hacking said this was the first of a series of exhibitions of Empire products which would be held from time to time.

Mr. Eric MacFadyen, chairman of the Rubber Growers' Association, gave some striking figures showing the increase in output of rubber in the British Empire since 1910.

In 1910 the output was 10,000 tons. By the end of the war this had been increased to 250,000 tons, while this year it was confidently expected the output would exceed 500,000 tons.

The exhibition will remain open until the end of December.—British Wireless.

AFGHAN TREATY WITH PERSIA.

FRIENDSHIP AND NEUTRALITY.

Teheran, Dec. 2.

Afghanistan and Persia have signed a three years' treaty of friendship and security, and undertake to remain neutral if a third Power attacks either.

The treaty is to be automatically valid for a further three years unless denounced by either contracting party at the end of the first three years.—Reuter.

NEW MOTOR LAUNCH.

GOVERNMENT INVITES TENDERS.

Tenders are being invited for the supply to the Government of Hongkong of one twin screw motor launch. Length about 80 feet, speed 10 knots. Details of lay out required may be obtained on application to the Harbour Master.

The price is not to exceed \$55,000.

BRITISH POLICY.

SETTING THE WORLD AN EXAMPLE.

"WE HAVE DISARMED."

London, Dec. 2.

Speaking to the British Press this afternoon at Geneva, Lord Cishendun, as British representative to the League of Nations, said the British policy on disarmament had in no way changed.

On the contrary, he declared, "We are inclined to say to other countries who approach us on this subject that we have already disarmed. We effected our disarmament immediately after the war, and now we have not much to offer. After the war, Great Britain possessed an unquestionable supremacy of the seas, more than ever since battle of Trafalgar. But as soon as the war was over, we immediately scrapped, rather too hurriedly I am inclined to think, between one and three-quarter million and two million tons of ships."

We did this not merely from our desire to realise economies, but

SHANGHAI SHOOTING MYSTERY.

Scots Guard Corporal Surrenders.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

The police have applied for a warrant for the arrest of Corporal Robertson, of the Scots Guards, for fatally shooting a house-boy in the China United Apartments. He afterwards surrendered to the military authorities.

Mystery enwraps the affair. It is believed that a plea of self-defence will be made.

An alternative theory is that it was an accident during the cleaning of a rifle. A civil trial has been arranged.—Our Own Correspondent.

also so that we might dispense with all offensive forces except those strictly necessary.

We also abandoned two arsenals and two naval bases. We cut down the personnel of our navy, and practically scrapped our air service, with the result that a few years later we had to re-suscitate the air arm once more.

Our army, which was always numerically a "contemptible little army," was further reduced. Obligatory service was abolished, and we have reduced our armed forces to the level of an Imperial police force, such as is necessary, as exemplified in the recent crisis in China, for the protection of British lives and British property throughout the world. We are ready to prove we have disarmed, and if we had not done so we should now be in a position to offer a reduction of two million tons in the navy and a big reduction of the air service.

But we cannot do it now. In other words, we have already voluntarily done what we are asking other nations to do now.—British Wireless.

COMMISSIONS OF CONTROL.

POLICY OF GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL.

London, Dec. 2.

In accordance with the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference, the organisation set up in Vienna for the liquidation of the military clauses of the treaty of Saint Germain will be withdrawn on January 31.

This is the last of several inter-allied commissions of control, established in former enemy countries.

The commission supervising this work in Germany completed its work in January, and similar organisations in Bulgaria and Hungary have since been withdrawn.—British Wireless.

PIRATES ATTACK A JUNK.

OPEN FIRE ON HONGKONG CRAFT.

A FOKI KILLED.

An unusual story comes to hand this morning, telling of a Hongkong junk being attacked in Chinese waters by what would appear to be a pirate junk, but after the firing of shots by the pirates, one of which killed a foki of the Hongkong junk, the pirates sailed away without attempting to board the vessel.

The master states that his trading junk, No. 868 left Shaikwan on Thursday bound for Pin Hau, Chinese territory, carrying a crew of three men, including himself, and a cargo of kerosene oil, joss sticks and nut oil.

At eleven o'clock yesterday morning, when in the vicinity of Hop Nam, a large unknown junk, carrying a crew of about ten men, approached and opened fire on the Hongkong boat with small arms. Ten shots were fired altogether, one striking a foki in the head and killing him instantaneously. The attacking vessel then sailed away and the victimised boat returned to Hongkong. On its arrival here the body of the foki was removed to the Mortuary.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE.

THE SITUATION STILL SERIOUS.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

In order that loyal employees may be protected from intimidators, a public picket has now been placed on all trams in the Settlement, enabling a restricted service to be maintained.

The Labour Unions continue their agitation, and a serious situation still exists.—Naval Wireless.

No Wage Dispute.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

There has been a partial resumption of the tramway service, following an all-day paralysis of the service arising from a fatal encounter between the police and Labour gunmen, the latter attacking a tramcar.

Two of the gunmen were killed, and three passengers and a Chinese policeman were wounded. The passengers who received injuries included Mrs. J. Duncan, the wife of a tramway traffic inspector.

The whole affair is attributable to intimidators, and there is no question of a wages dispute.

Restricted Service.

Later.

A restricted service of 18 trams of a normal 185, is running to-day, each tram driver being guarded by two Chinese police. There are no railless trams running.—Reuter.

AN EGYPTIAN DRUG SCANDAL.

CHEMIST'S ALLEGED MALPRACTICE.

Cairo, Dec. 2.

The Chief Chemist and a clerk have been arrested for malpractices in connexion with police seizures of drugs sent to the Prosecutor's office for analysis.

It is alleged that the chemist substituted a harmless drug for heroin which had been seized, and thus caused the acquittal of suspected traffickers. It is believed that the chemist received large bribes.

The clerk is charged with selling heroin.—Reuter.

THE VISA QUESTION.

ANGLO-GERMAN DISCUSSION.

London, Dec. 2.

As official announcement that an agreement has been reached with Germany for the mutual abolition of visas, is expected within the next few days.—British Wireless.

Bulls and Inners

□ □ From the Office Butts. □ □

Yesterday's Daily Press contained an account of Ladies' Night at the Y.M.C.A., under the heading "Round the Police Court." The reporter must have been thinking of Petty Sessions!

A judge at Home has decreed that a girl of 16 is past the smacking age. He's not much of a judge.

Chrysanthemum's word in Hongkong gardens just now.

We now know why Auchtermuchty was in half mourning the night before.

According to the Daily Press, Mr. T. E. Pearce stated at the Interport Cricket Dinner, "a run saved was a run saved." On the other hand, a run run's a run run!

"Indignant!"—We cannot support your plea that all skirts should be within 32 inches from the ground. That is going too far.

By the way, what ever became of the starving Armenians?

A contemporary declared that one of the Interporters "immediately started betting, and soon and a frequently hit at night. He should have known that such things are not done."

Debating the existence of fairies, the Titania remains solid evidence of their presence afloat.

Many a Hongkong resident is entitled to be a Baron, if honours were based on assets.

A Shanghai seaman was fined the other day for stealing a pair of scales. Maybe he only wanted to weigh in a surplus cradle into a card table.

Provided there is a sporting chance, we Malaya bet next year.

The burglar who stole "Frothblower" links this week will now goliop his samshu with jest.

With their pronounced drawing ability, Capablanca and Alekhine should be great artists.

Reading the heading "Walker Suspended," one is reminded of the urgent need to make the world safe for pedestrians.

The advertisement of a local store showed Santa Claus upside down. That's how he makes us feel.

"Indian Money Lender Robbed" was a headline this week. Boy! Bring the sad volatile.

The Westminster Gazette says that Governor Hui Lung-kiang reports Soviet troops to be assembling on the frontier. He must be a brother to old Tuchun Yang Tze-kiang.

"Reader." By all means allow your wife to be taught the violin. It will give her chin a rest.

The population of Shanghai is reported to be increasing. It would be interesting to know the ratio if the revolver had never been invented.

"What made St. Andrew's Cross?" His head in the morning.

The plan to offer a prize for the best finishing touches submitted for Schubert's Unfinished Symphony should be carried further. How about a nice pair of arms for the Venus de Milo?

Lots of the Horticultural Show prizes will go to the blooming Peak gardeners.

Thursday was a very rosy day for St. Vincent.

During manoeuvres at Home, a tank accidentally knocked down a village hall. Unfortunately, there are no tanks in the vicinity of our Theatre Royal.

MacWhirter, he says that in order to produce the correct atmosphere at a Ball, the proper spirit is essential.

Reading these vital statistics, one concludes that many people are putting the quart before the harse.

'Tis better to storm the buffet than buffet the storm.

Alaska—Kinema, and Canned Salmon.

An Aberdeen lawyer has just acted as his wife's counsel when she sued for divorce and costs.

As one Caledonian said to a Sassenach this week, "Have one and keep up your spirits."

Journalism offers a promising field for young men. A South African editor has inherited \$15,000.

"Shoots Walter: Takes \$500," says a northern-contemporary. He must have had quite a good evening.

The "Dangerous" box has been repainted and is frequently lit at night. Other wise crime in the district is normal.

The engagement of a journalist indicates that newsmen have the usual privilege of the "press."

Those Canton labour agitators appear to have decided that the place could go to blazes.

Some Hongkong women would like to discover a method of transforming a surplus cradle into a card table.

The pedestrian may have the right of way, but in some Hongkong streets, he'd need a couple of revolvers to establish it.

When a lady motorist in Hongkong puts her hand out, it means stop, see if it's stopped raining or wave to a friend.

The modern girl may be fond of nice clothes, but she's not entirely wrapped up in them.

Interviewed, an American tourist declared: "I like London. We understand there's now serious talk of continuing the place."

There is likely to be a world shortage of tin. We knew that long ago.

The motor-car prize is the big draw of the week.

Apparently a lost lady has been found in the World.

The week's Dewarism: "We are all liable to make mistakes. That is why you find rubber at the end of pencils."

A number of inflated fistic artists will be punched-ered at the Theatre Royal to-night.

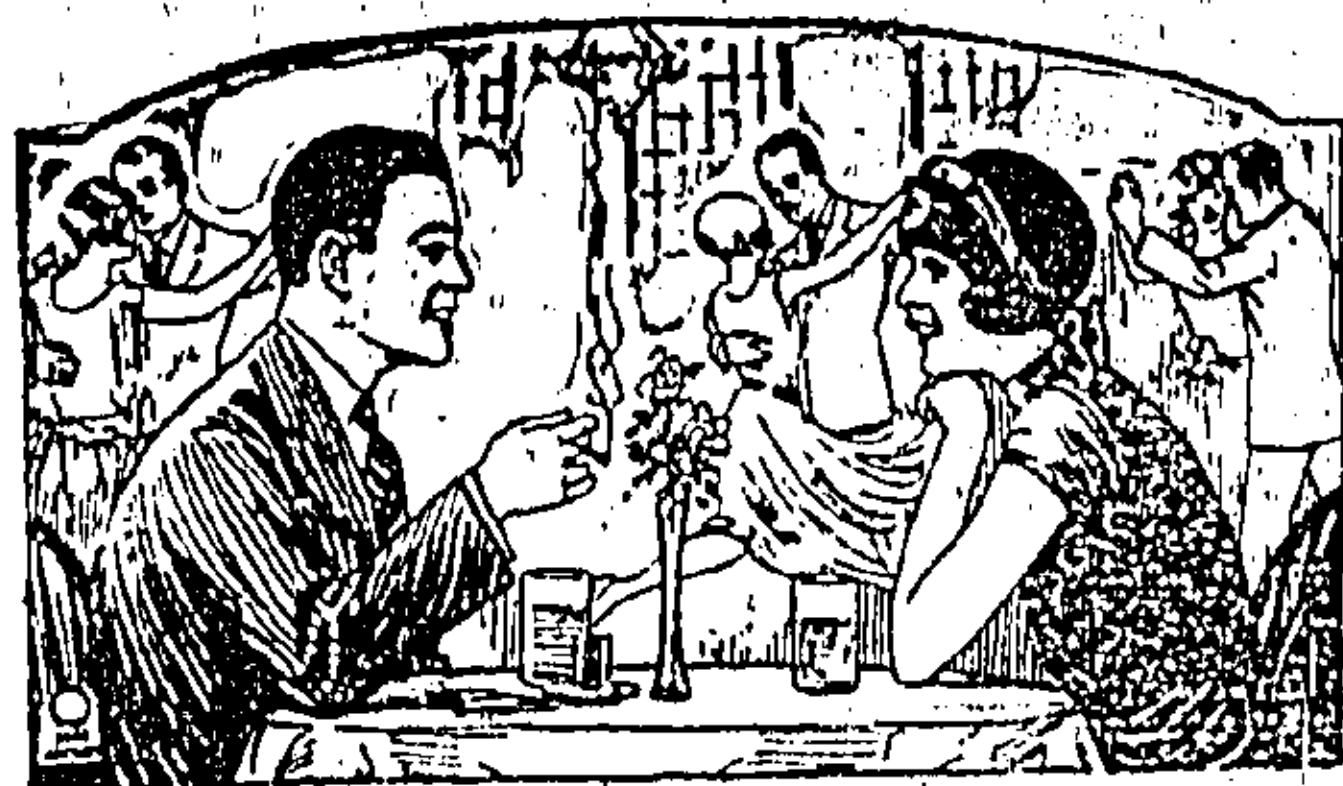
The week's Great Thought:—"It might be a great hardship to prevent worthy citizens from playing a friendly game simply because they could not afford a tablecloth."—Daily Press.

A heading we may yet live to read: "Laurie Absconds: No Relation to Annie."

MacWhirter says ye canna tell a really good fish story in Auchtermuchty; there isn't enough room to stretch one's arms.

The dress circle is a place where men often expose their ignorance and the women their backs.

Auntie Caustic says it would seem the ambition of a good many young men in Hongkong to make week-ends meet.



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The Fun O' the Fair held at Lee Gardens under the auspices of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, realised a net sum of \$10,000, which, in due course, will be apportioned to various charities.

Mrs. Southern writes: "I should like to express the warm thanks of the Committee to Mr. Lee Hysan for putting at our disposal the Lee Garden and thereby enabling us to have a suitable setting for the Fair. Mr. Lee Hysan and his son Mr. Richard Lee, and also Mr. Lee Bak-hung gave valuable assistance throughout the Fair."

A special word must be said regarding the arduous work of the Joint Secretaries, Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. Wynne-Jones and Mr. Peter Pau who cheerfully and untrillingly laboured for the success of the Fair.

Collectively I thank all the Branches of the M. C. L. and all friends of all races who supported us so splendidly.

And to the Press we owe a great debt of gratitude."

Balance Sheet.

The balance sheet is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

General.

Gate	\$2,494.80
Dance	658.00
Motor-car raffle	735.10
Sale of programmes	344.00
Proceeds from ad- vertisements	1,060.00
Donations	307.89
Clock-room	2.00
	5,606.79

Victoria Branch.

Baby Stall	120.50
Basket Stall	34.60
Randy Kids	573.75
Chocolates	82.00
	810.85

Naval Dockyard Branch.

Shooting Gallery	56.28
Shute and Aunt Sally	66.34
Air balloons and flower pot competi- tion	121.88
	243.50

Police Branch.

Bran pie	306.85
Men's raffle	232.00
Ladies raffle	26.00
Hidden treasure	61.80
Cake competition	21.45
Dolls raffle	34.20
	682.30

Military Branch.

White elephant	131.10
Clock golf	5.00
Mrs. Russell-Brown's entertainment	391.10
	527.20

Prison Branch.

Cocoanuts and Aunt Sally	343.93
Ices	312.10
	656.03

Peak Branch.

Children's Stall	36.50
Ices	227.55
Balloons	46.00
	310.05

Bellios School.

Lucky Ring	787.90
St. Paul's Girls. Dollar Stall	1,003.00
	1,790.90

Girl Guides.

Range competition	115.30
University Branch. Tea, gardens, and cigarettes	741.05
St. Stephen's and Fairlea Schools	130.00
Jack Horner's pie	130.00
	1,016.35

Total

	\$11,613.67
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Expenditure.

Printing and Stationery ..	\$ 438.97
Advertising, posters, papers, &c.	955.20
Transportation of Band ..	50.00
Incidental expenses	90.40
Gratuities	79.00
Balance being excess of receipts over expenditure	10,000.00
	\$11,613.67

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DEMOCRACY WINS.

INTERNATIONAL DEBATE AT
Y.M.C.A.

There was a crowded attendance at the European Y.M.C.A. last night on the occasion of the first International debate when a team from Oregon University opposed the motion proposed by the Y.M.C.A. "that democracy is a failure." The debate was characterised by the excellence of the speeches on both sides, extremely creditable cases being made out by the opposing teams which showed an intimate knowledge of the subject under discussion.

The chair was taken by Mr. Mr. P. S. Cassidy who welcomed the American visitors and congratulated them on the enterprise shown in undertaking a tour which was to lead them through India to Europe.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston proposed the motion and looked back to the time when Switzerland and Iceland were the only democratic countries, and then traced its subsequent development.

At the time when monarchy was almost universal there were efforts to further democracy and its principles were closely studied by Aristotle. Then democracy was reborn by the French Revolution but time had shown that it had not fulfilled the promises of the past.

If one considered the high hopes in which democracy was conceived how abject was the sense of failure if one looked at them to-day. He cited the case of America and said that it had not succeeded in establishing a real democracy.

Rest of a Bad Lot.

Mr. B. McCrasky, opening for the opposition said that all Governments were bad, but, democracy was the best form of bad Government. He likened it to the first steamship which, although described as a failure, splashed along and worked. In such a way democracy had splashed along and it was being gradually perfected at the present time. No administration was free from flaws and even if democracy did work imperfectly, it nevertheless did actually function.

Mr. P. Sands, supported the motion, and amplified the history of democracy as briefly stated by the proposer. He pointed out that one argument against democracy was that all men were not equal in political intelligence and some were indifferent to politics. Democracy was a stool resting on four legs, most of which were wobbly, and records went to show that none of them were dependable. He quoted Dean Inge who, in his work on England, had found many objections to democracy and had shown its dangers saying that it had not brought the results which were hoped.

The Two Tests.

Mr. W. H. Hempstead (Oregon) said the two tests for democracy were external security and internal stability, and proceeded to counter the arguments of those supporting the motion by pointed references interspersed with witty remarks. He said it had been charged that the people were incapable of electing their own officials, but despite the fact that they had elected numskulls they had done pretty well in the election of Presidents. (Laughter)

Mr. T. J. Price, supporting the motion, said that it had to be shown that democracy as a principle had failed. At times of elections a man was swayed probably by his landlord, his customer, or by mob rule. Some men would listen to a speech and probably applaud, but then they would find that they had only ten minutes to get a drink and would go away.

Should one say that America had produced the ideal citizen, had an ideal legal system that it had produced a magnificent type of judge, admit that there had been no au-

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HIS EXCELLENCY RETURNED
LAST NIGHT.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), accompanied by Lady Clementi and children arrived back in the Colony last night after a short holiday in North China and Japan by the N.Y.K. liner Fushimi Maru which anchored in midstream at 7.25 last night.

A large number of launches went out to meet the vessel but had to wait until the Government tender Victoria got alongside.

Among those who went on board to meet His Excellency the Governor were His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern), accompanied by Mrs. Southern, and Lieut. A. J. L. White, A.D.C.

The Governor's party left the Fushimi Maru within a quarter of an hour of the vessel dropping anchor. The tender Victoria proceeded to Queen's Pier, where the party landed and drove to Government House.

Johnston and by Mr. McCrasky who stressed the points raised by themselves and their supporters, and brought up damaging arguments against the assertions of their opponents.

Votes were taken on the merits of the debate and also on the motion itself. Voting went in favour of the American team on the merits of the debate and the motion was defeated.

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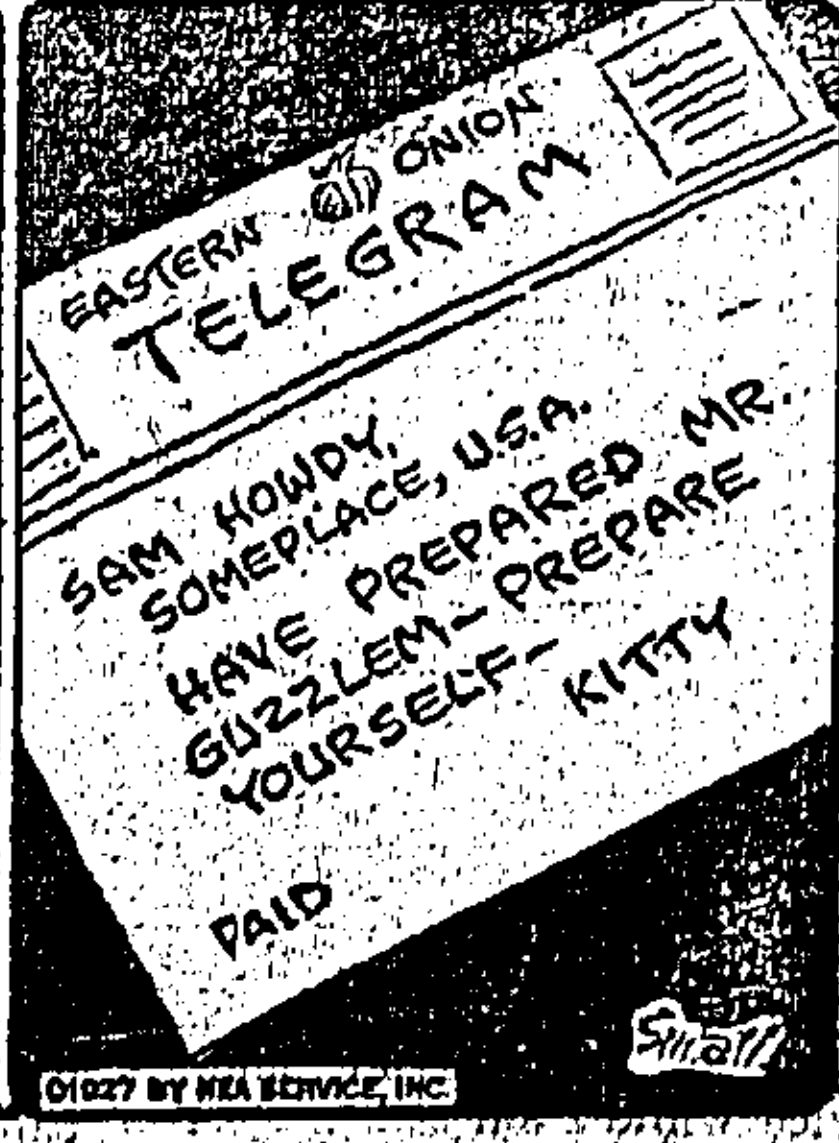
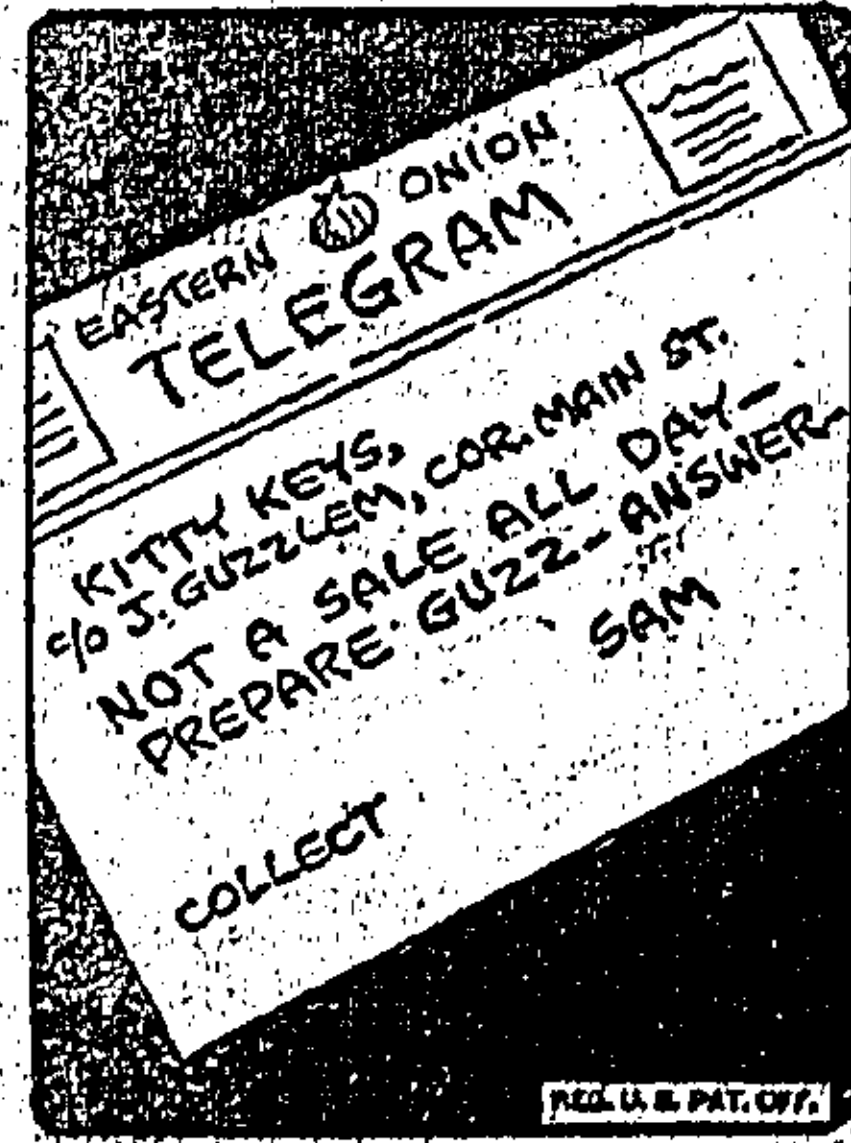
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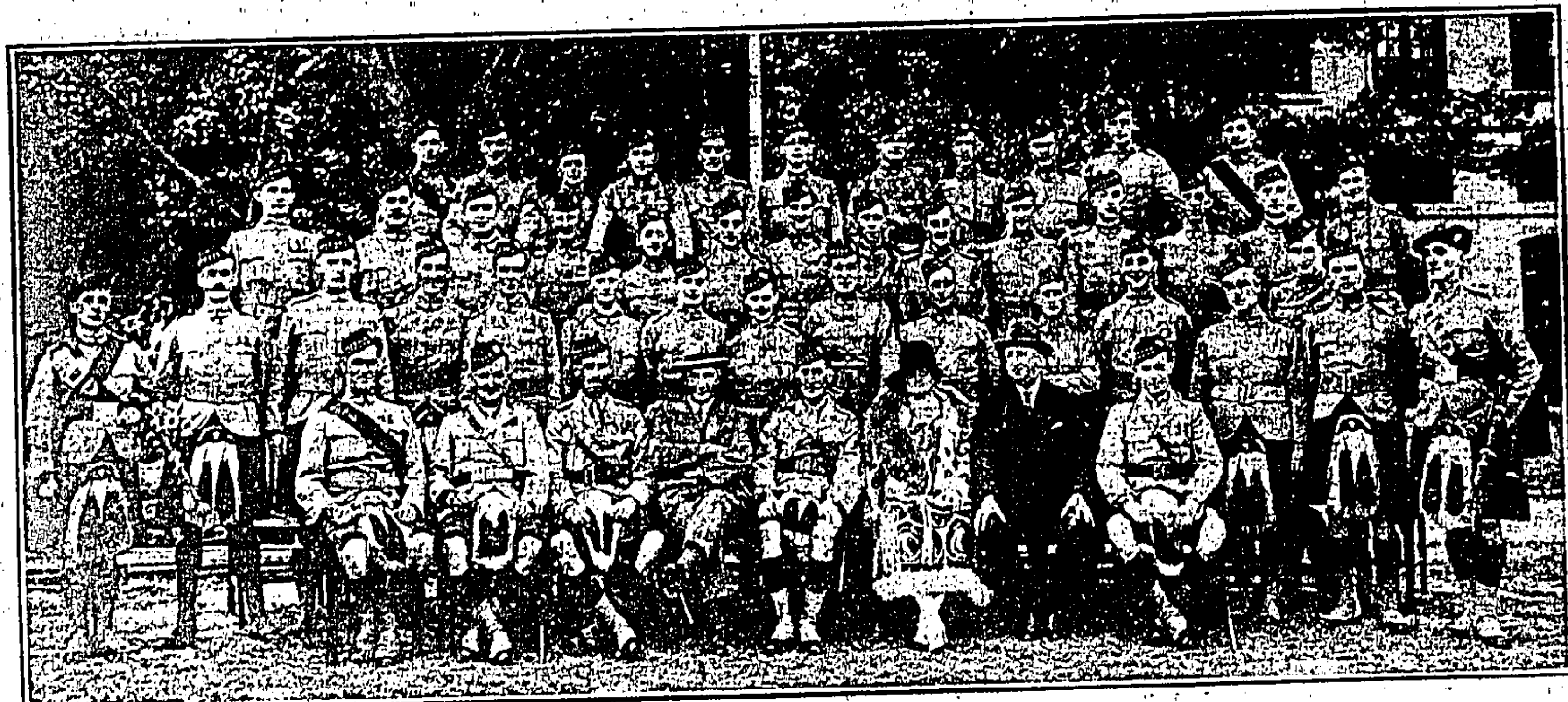


The Talkee Platoon of the Scottish Co. of the Volunteer Defence Corps, taken after last Sunday's Church Parade, together with the President of St. Andrew's Society and Mrs. Templeton. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

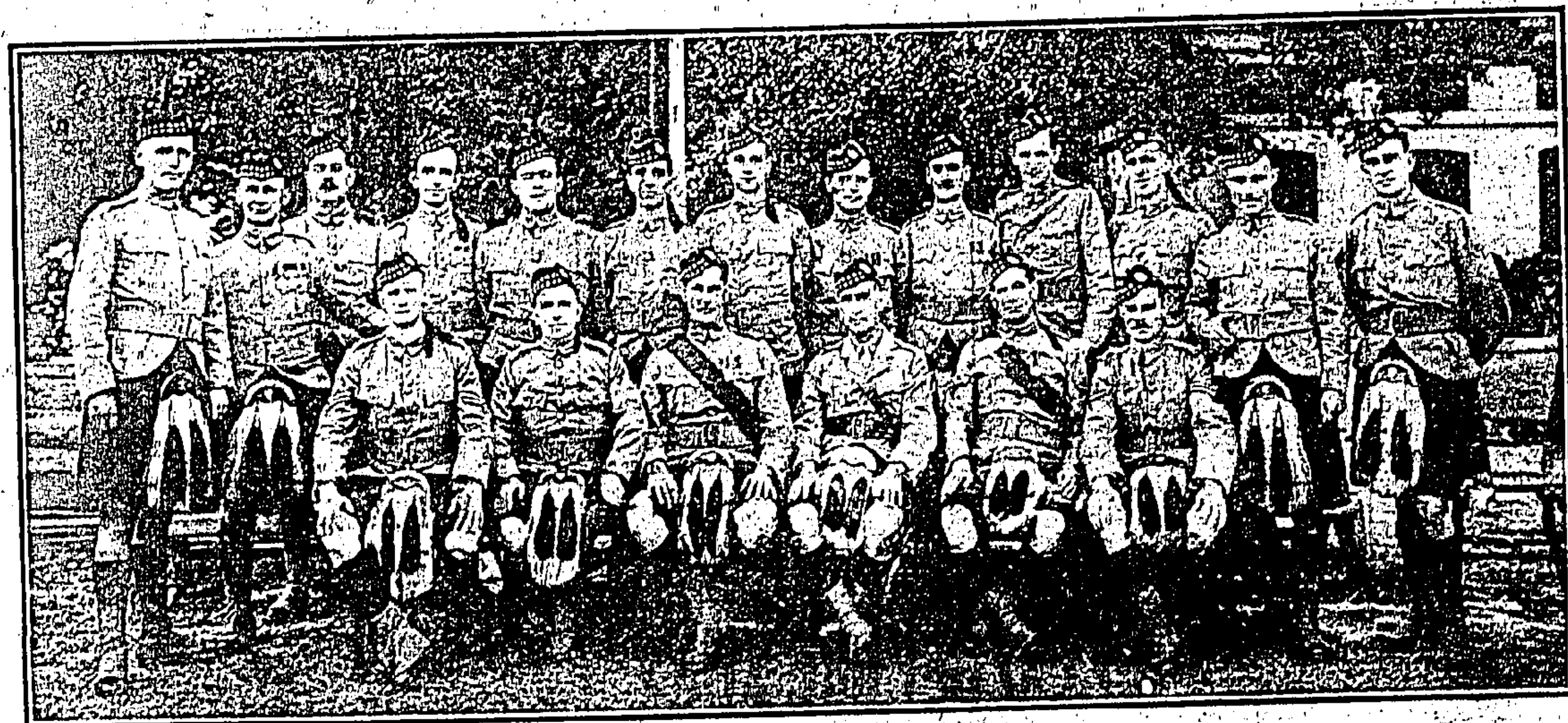


Above:—The President and Vice President of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society laying a wreath on the Cenotaph on St. Andrew's Day.

Below:—Committee members of the St. Andrew's Society standing in front of the Cenotaph after the wreath-laying. (Photos: Welcome Studio).



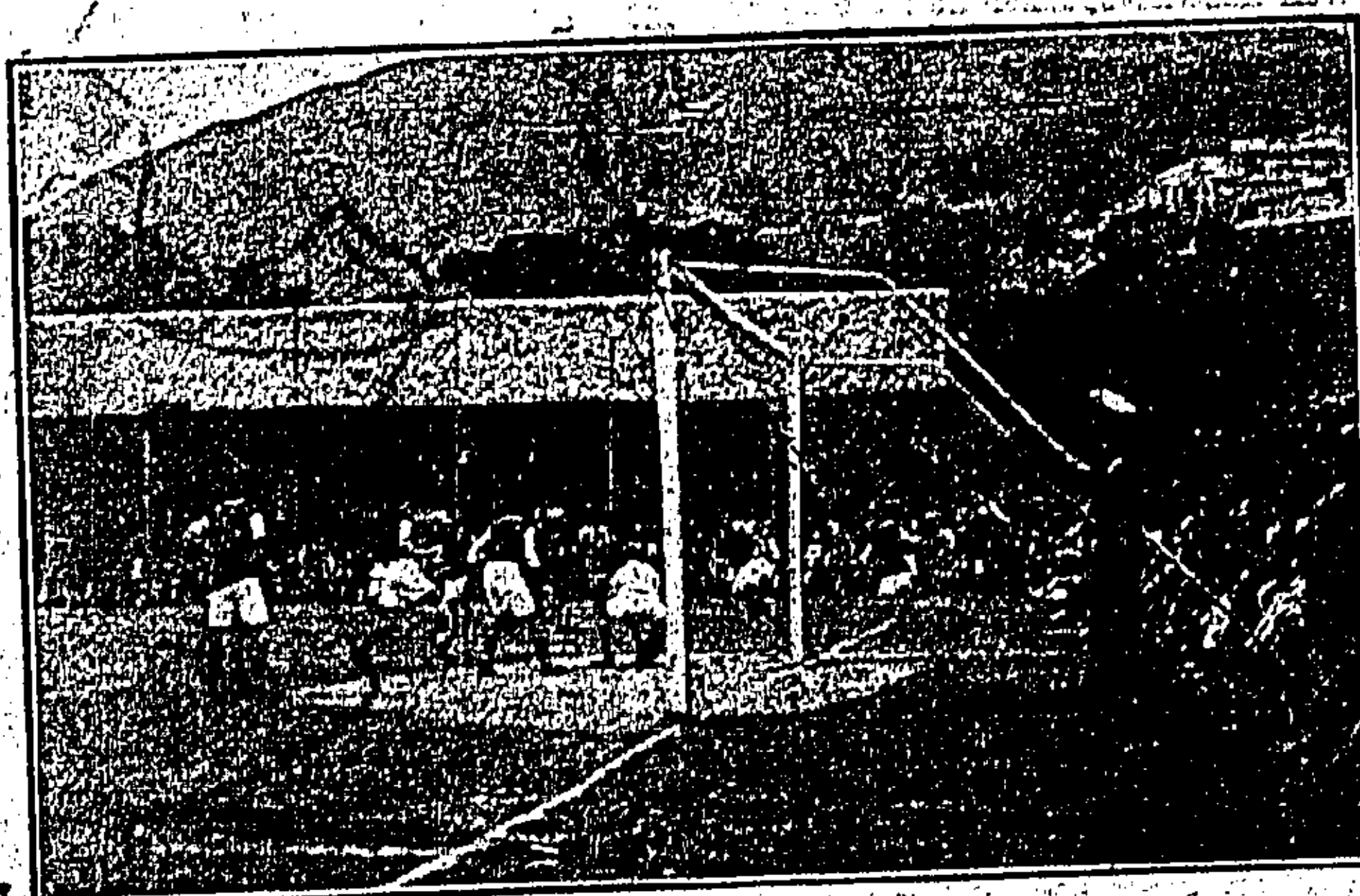
This photograph shows some of the members of the Scottish Co. of the Volunteer Defence Corps, together with the President of the St. Andrew's Society, Mrs. Templeton and the Vice President (Mr. A. K. Henderson). Photo by Ming Yuen.



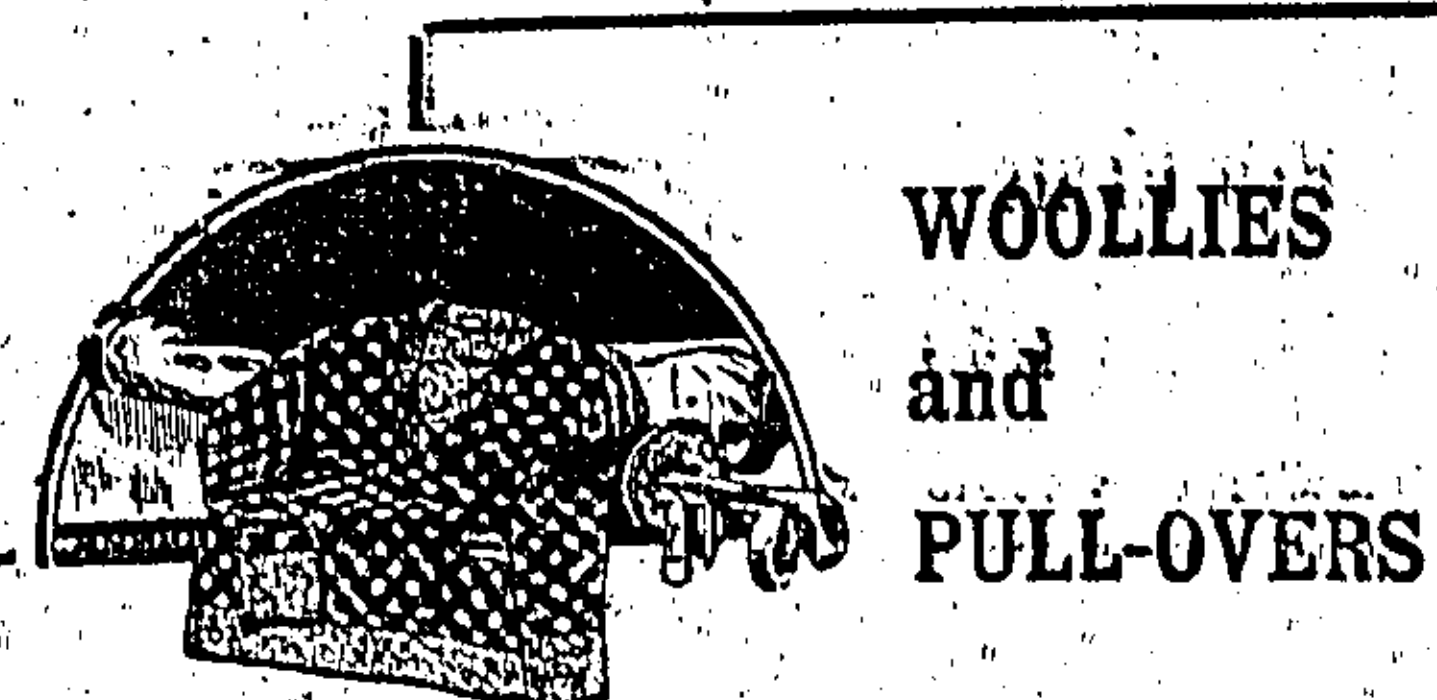
The City Platoon of the Scottish Co. of the Volunteer Defence Corps, photographed on Sunday last. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Mr. Ho Kom-tong leading in a winner at the Extra Race Meeting last Saturday. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



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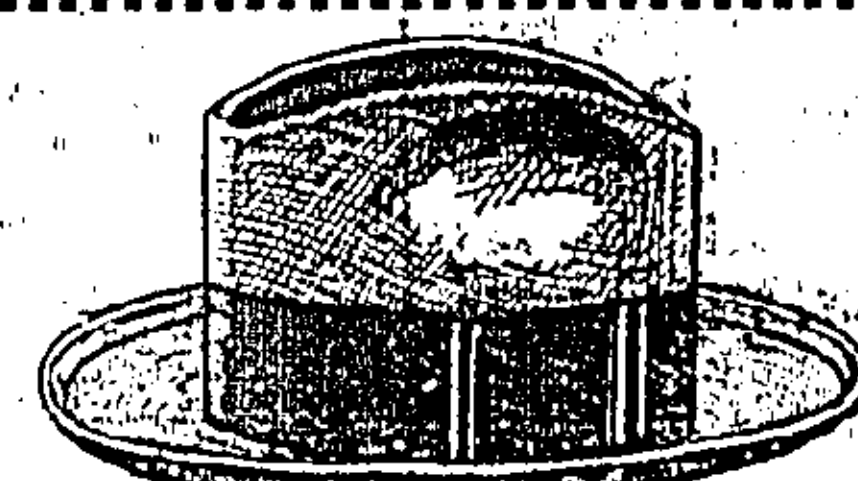
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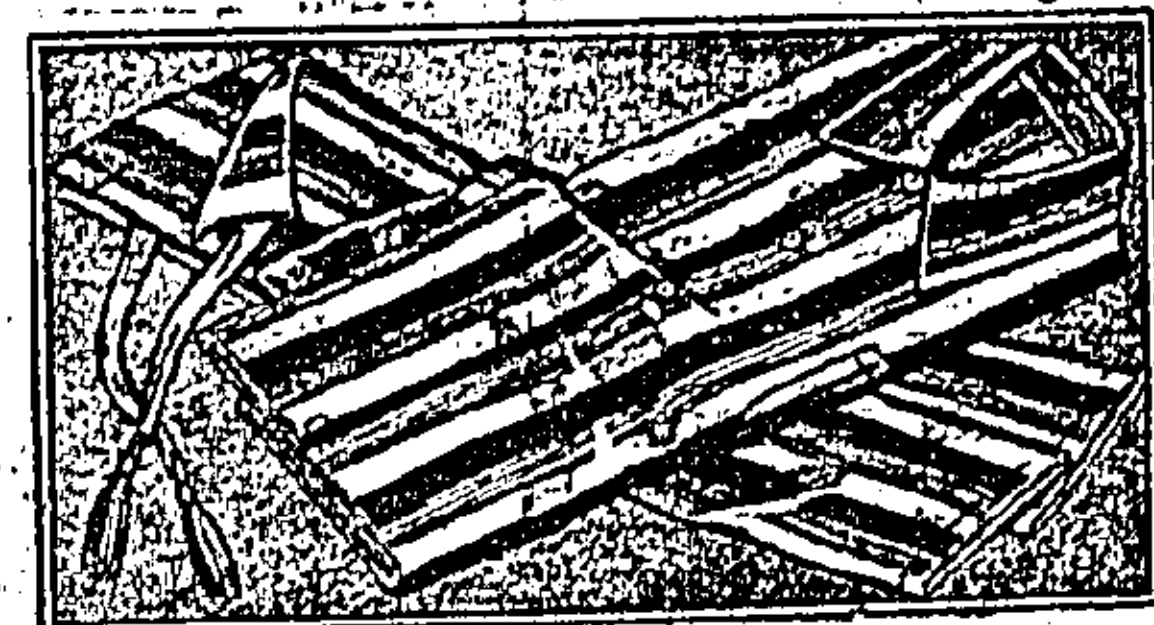
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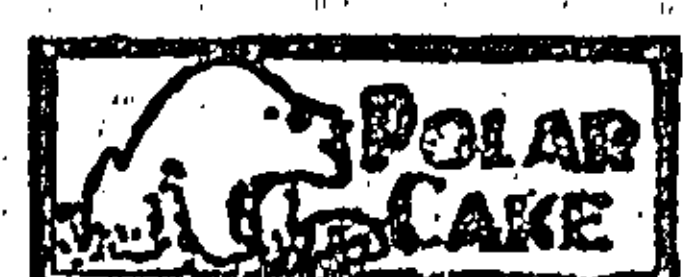
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Lungshan 9 a.m. Sunday, 11th December.

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Lungshan 5.00 p.m.
Sui An 6.30 p.m.
By Order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.
Hongkong, December 3, 1927.

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CHURCH NOTICES.**Second Sunday in Advent.****TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.**

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong,

December 4th, 1927. 2nd Sun-

day in Advent. Holy Com-

munion, 8 a.m. Children's Ser-

vice, 10 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannell

Subject: The Kingdom come.

Holy Communion, 12 noon. Even-

ing, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev.

H. Copley. Subject: Christ

and the Scriptures. Tuesday Dec.

6th C. E. M. S., 6 p.m. Address

by Rev. A. D. Stewart, Christ

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ing, 6 p.m. Thursday. Holy

Communion, 7.45 a.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,

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ARRESTS AT EUSTON STATION.

"CASE OF GREAT INTEREST TO BANKERS."

FORGED BANKNOTES.

Arrested by the Flying Squad at Euston Station, four smartly-dressed men and a woman appeared before Mr. S. Pope, at Clerkenwell Police Court last month charged with being concerned in the unlawful possession of six £10 and ten £5 Bank of England notes, and also with conspiring together on various dates during September in forging and uttering cheques on various banks in London and elsewhere.

They were: Benjamin Harper, forty-one, advertising agent, of Charlotte-street, W.; William Stevens, thirty-two, labourer, of no fixed abode; John Francis Kingsway O'Connor, thirty, interpreter, of Brookfield-avenue, Liverpool; Duke Donagel, twenty-two, professional dancer, of no fixed abode; and Elsie Stevens, wife of William Stevens.

Detective Inspector Vandell, of New Scotland Yard, said that at 5.40 on Thursday evening he was at Euston in company with other detective officers. Harper was arrested at his direction. Just after six o'clock Stevens and Donagel were arrested as they stepped from the Blackpool train, and a minute later Mrs. Stevens, who had travelled on the same train, was arrested with O'Connor, who had met the party.

They were all taken to New Scotland Yard, where they were told charges would be preferred against them in connection with the forging and uttering of cheques on various banks in London and the province by means of Ryman cheque forms, and the opening of bank accounts by means of false references.

Prisoner's Statements.

All the prisoners made statements, which the officer reported. Harper said that he recently opened six accounts at banks in London. Elsie Stevens, whose age was given as twenty-six, said, "I do not know anything about forging. I thought Mr. Donagel and my husband were travellers and I did not know what they were doing. I was shut up in my room all day. I cannot remember where we lived in Blackpool. I have got a bad memory."

They were searched, and upon Harper were found ten £1 Treasury notes, a quantity of tracing paper, and memoranda. On Stevens were found a £10 Bank of England note, seven £5 notes, and thirty-two £1 notes, two Ryman cheque forms, one portion of a cheque form, and a signature, one letter addressed to F. J.

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"And then the bell at London Bridge wharf rang; and a Margate boat was just starting; and a Gravesend boat was just starting, and people shouted, and porters ran down the steps with luggage that would rush any man but porters; and sloping boards, with bits of wood nailed on them, were placed between the outside boat and the inside boat; and the passengers ran along them, and looked like so many fowls coming out of an area; and then the bell ceased, and the boards were taken away, and the boats started, and the whole scene was one of the most delightful bustle and confusion."

Lovers of Dickens will recall this quotation taken from "The Steam Excursion" in "Sketches by Boz."

In the early days of the steam packet travellers to Antwerp used to start from the Old Swan Pier, which saw many exciting scenes, including last-minute arrests of criminals fleeing from justice.

O'Connor, memoranda, and other articles. On Donagel four £10 and three £5 notes, one book of fifty Ryman cheque forms, one cheque book, two slips cut from cheques, three bankers' letters, and a quantity of headed note-paper were found. On O'Connor were found an application form for a passport, one slip of paper indicating the address of six London banks and one at Sevenoaks, and a quantity of memoranda. On Mrs. Stevens were three receipts and one guarantee.

Replying to the magistrate Inspector Vandell said the case was of great interest to bankers, and he asked for a remand until next week.

Cross-examined by Mr. Griffiths, for O'Connor, Inspector Vandell said that no Bank of England notes were found on O'Connor, who had given him an account of his movements during September.

The magistrate: Did you receive any information from the provincial police?

Inspector Vandell: We had been watching continuously for thirty-six hours every train coming into London from northern towns.

The inspector said he strongly objected to bail for any of the defendants, and the magistrate remanded them until next Friday.

THREE MEN HURT IN COLLAPSE.

ALARMING AFFAIR IN NORTH LONDON.

NEW BUILDING CRASH.

Three men were injured when the floor of a factory in course of erection in Elthorne-road, Holloway, collapsed shortly before-noon on day last month. They were taken to the Royal Northern Hospital with head injuries. After treatment, two of them, Lawrence Murray and James Tongue, were allowed to go home, but Arthur Impleton, of Rupert-road, Holloway, who was unconscious and suffering from severe injuries, was detained.

The factory is being built for Messrs. Wodell Bros., of Holloway, by the Cellular-Construction Company, Ltd., and is of concrete. Building had reached the third floor, and it was while seven men were engaged on this part of the factory that the floor suddenly collapsed. The men were shot to the second floor, which also gave way, and fell with a tremendous crash to the ground floor, three of the workmen being buried in the debris.

The fire brigade, police, and ambulance were summoned, and meanwhile other workmen who had been engaged about the building began a frantic search for their comrades. They succeeded in getting them all free within a few minutes, with the exception of one man, whom it took ten minutes to release. He was one of the three subsequently removed to hospital.

The noise of the crash alarmed the whole neighbourhood, and people rushed to the scene. A woman living at Elthorne Mansions, adjoining the factory, said that the crash was terrible. "There was an awful rumbling, and the place seemed to quiver. It was as though an earthquake was about to take place. I heard no cries, and it was the uncertainty of what was about to happen that struck fear into everybody in the flats."

Mr. D. Bowler, an assistant at a coffee-stall exactly opposite the factory, said, "I was serving my customers about a quarter to twelve when I heard a terrific noise as if a load of bricks were being deposited right at my door. I rushed out and was staggered at the sight of the floor in the building crashing to the ground. I saw one man on the first floor make a leap for life. Just as the second floor was crashing through the first he sprang on to the skeleton ironwork of the window frame and clung to it. He remained hanging until two of his fellow workmen got a ladder and brought him down."

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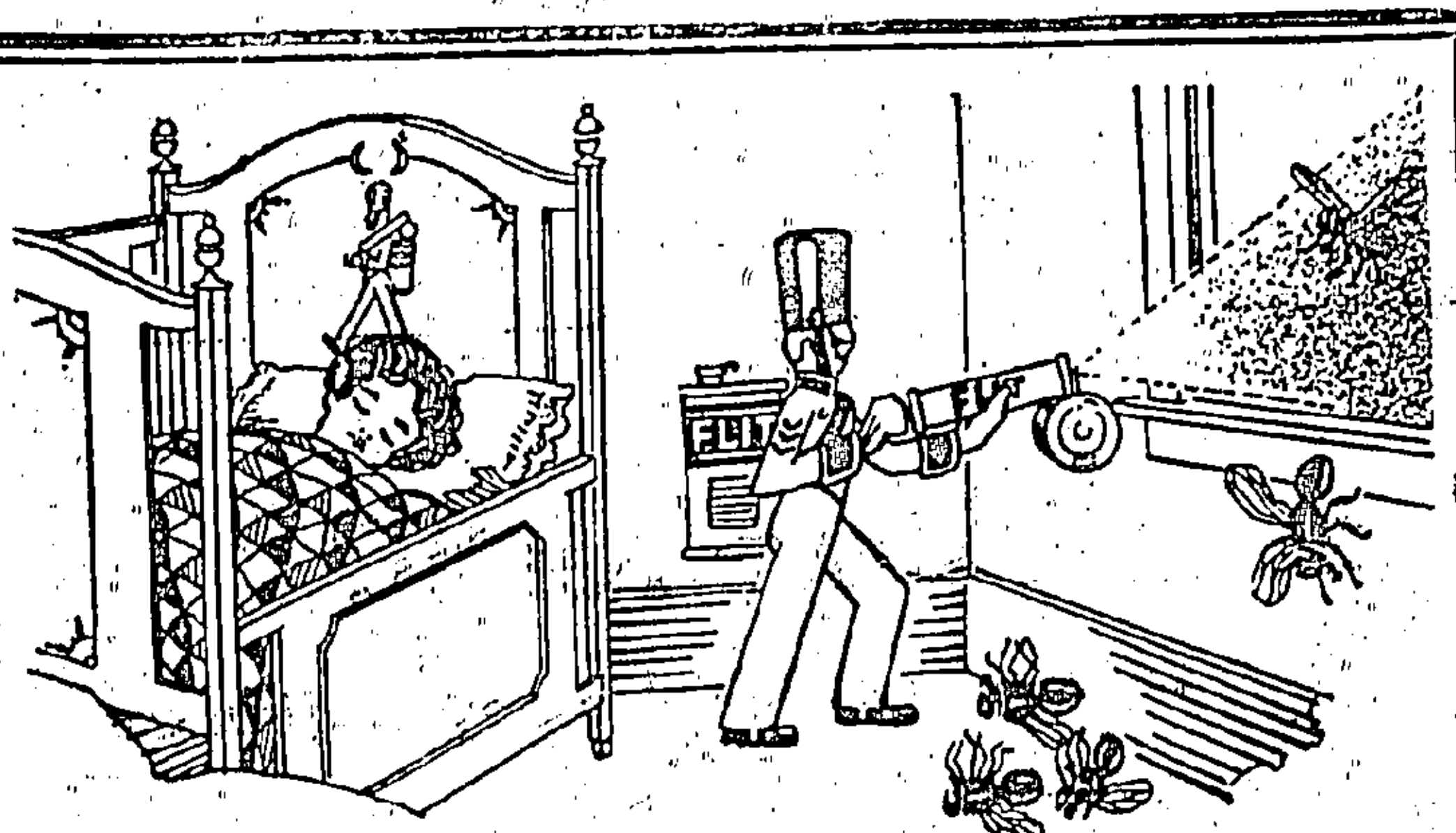
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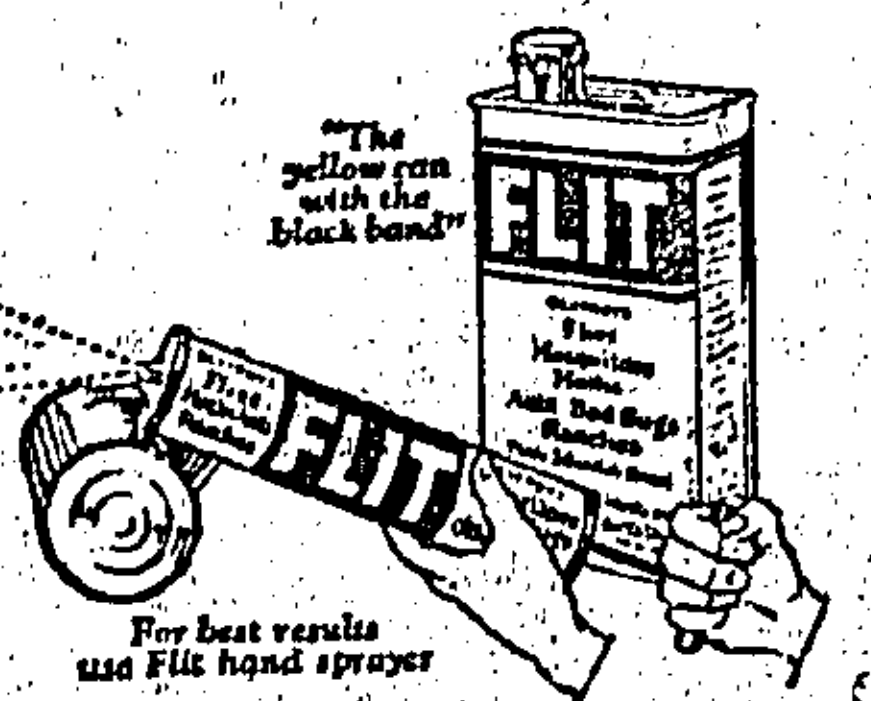
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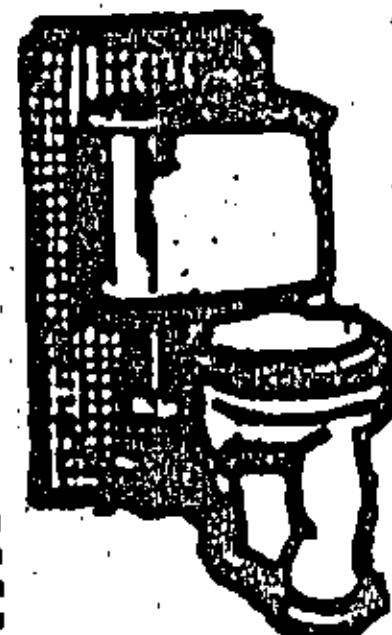
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HOW SCIENCE KILLS SHAMS.

FALSE TEETH AND PASTE
DIAMONDS.

ULTRA-VIOLET TESTS.

At the end of the Great War Professor R. W. Wood, that genius among American physicists, came to a meeting of the London Physical Society and revealed the methods of "invisible" signalling used by his countrymen in fighting the enemy. He showed a telescope in which a six-volt lamp was hidden. The telescope was closed by means of a piece of special glass which allowed only the ultra-violet rays to pass, and was focussed on a distant point where the beam projected by it was received in a similar telescope provided with a fluorescent screen. Morse signals could thus be sent over a distance of six miles, quite unknown to the enemy, since the signals were only revealed by the flashes on the fluorescent screen itself.

The phenomena of fluorescence were discovered as long ago as 1833 by Sir David Brewster, who found that when quinine is dissolved in sulphuric acid the solution exhibits a beautiful blue colour under the influence of the rays which lie beyond the violet end of the spectrum.

In the matter of sensitiveness the human ear and the eye are in strange contrast. While the ear can hear all sounds capable of penetrating the atmosphere from the twenty-foot sound-wave of the deepest pedal note to the shrill half-inch wave of the bat's cry, the longest light-wave perceived by the eye is barely twice as long as the shortest. The secret lies no doubt in the long evolutionary process by which the eye has accommodated itself to the rays of sunlight, which have a maximum energy in the yellowish-green portion of the spectrum, a region which exactly coincides with the maximum sensitiveness of the human eye. From this circumstance we may conclude that the planets revolving round other stars may harbour living beings with eyes sensitive to the infra-red or ultra-violet rays, according to the lower or higher temperature of their central orb.

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The ultra-violet of the mercury arc produces a kind of snow-blindness, which, however, soon wears off. But it has an extraordinarily diversified effect on different substances. In uranium glass it produces a rich apple-green fluorescence; a tallow candle glows bright blue and the human body appears a faint purple. The teeth fluoresce brilliantly, but in order to do so they must be alive. False teeth remain unilluminated. The late Sir William Crookes once started a brilliant assembly at the Royal Society by offering to test diamonds then and there by means of ultra-violet rays, relying upon the fact that none but a real diamond shows the characteristic phosphorescence. Even butter and margarine can be distinguished by their different appearance in ultra-violet light.

The deciphering of the original writing of a palimpsest by photography was a much admired feat of the early 'eighties. This was, however, done by simply excluding all but the violet rays from the negative. The great flood of ultra-violet light yielded by the Cooper-Hewitt mercury arc has vastly extended this field of exploration, and the exhibition given by Dr. Herman Goodman at a New York electrical exhibition showed some novel applications of the principle, though I cannot take the alleged testing of bootleg whisky seriously.

There is no doubt that every advance into the invisible regions of the spectrum will yield fresh revelations. Already Pickering has discovered signs of a fugitive vegetation on the moon, and Hale has found the extraordinary mantle of calcium claudellets which covers the sun. Mr. Baird reveals—somewhat unkindly, perhaps—how people appear when under infra-red illumination. The invention of a "machine" with a moral sense is a chimera, but the best way of stamping out shams is to make their detection easy and inevitable.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

HOW SPORTS AFFECT THE
WELL-BEING.

ROWING IS MOST STRENUOUS.

An investigator named Herxheimer found that the hearts of track athletes exceeded to some extent those of normal persons, depending upon the event trained for. The hearts of marathon runners were larger than those of long distance runners, the latter greater than those of middle distance runners. Jumping and weight throwing did not place so much demand upon the body that changes of the heart occurred. Only the runners were concerned in the investigations of track athletics.

Drs. Felix Deutsch and Emil Kauf examined 301 track athletes, of whom 19 were champions. In general, the hearts of track athletes were not enlarged over the normal so much as those of the swimmers, although definite enlargements did occur. Of all of the track athletes examined, 8.8 per cent. had considerable enlargements, although the amount of enlargement was not so great as that of the swimmers. Long and short distance runners were compared, and these investigators were not able to find such a definitely increased greater risk of the marathon runners as compared with the runner of short distances as Herxheimer found.

Only a few women track athletes were studied, since women have only recently begun to participate in this form of activity. The hearts of the women were much less frequently enlarged than were those of the men. This is explained by the fact that women track athletes do not train seriously or to anywhere nearly the same extent as do men, or as do women swimmers.

Competitive rowing is one of the most severe of sports and few trainers will undertake to accept men for training until they have first been carefully examined by physicians as to the state of their hearts. The German investigators examined 150 oarsmen whose average age was 23.9 years. The longer the man had been oarsman, the greater in general was the enlargement of the heart. On the other hand, there was not a general increase in enlargement, since great deviations were found in individual cases.

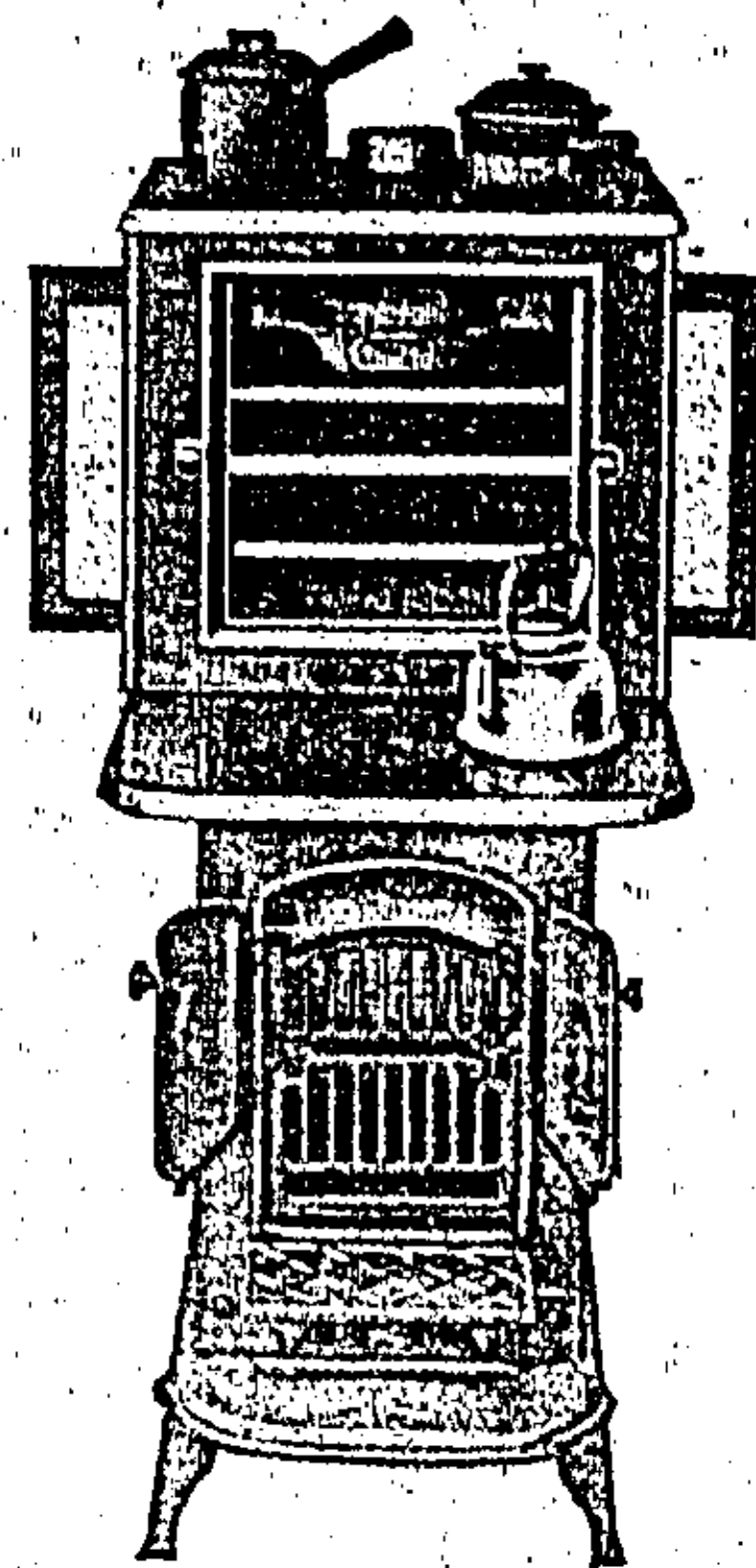
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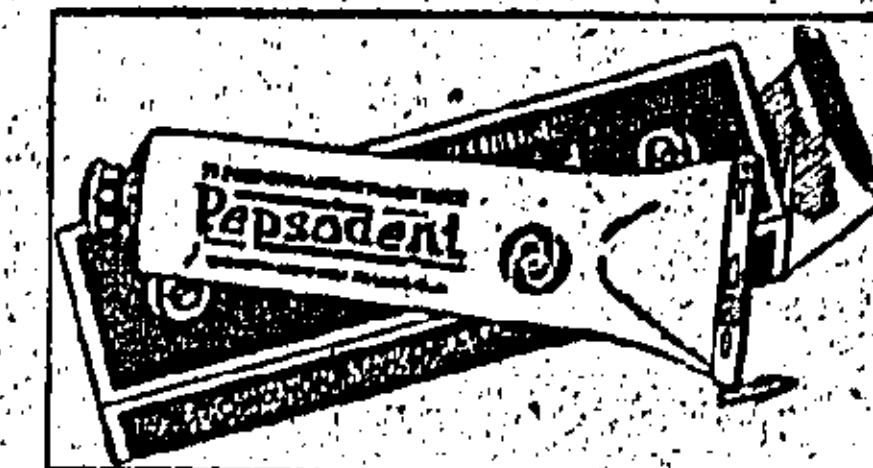
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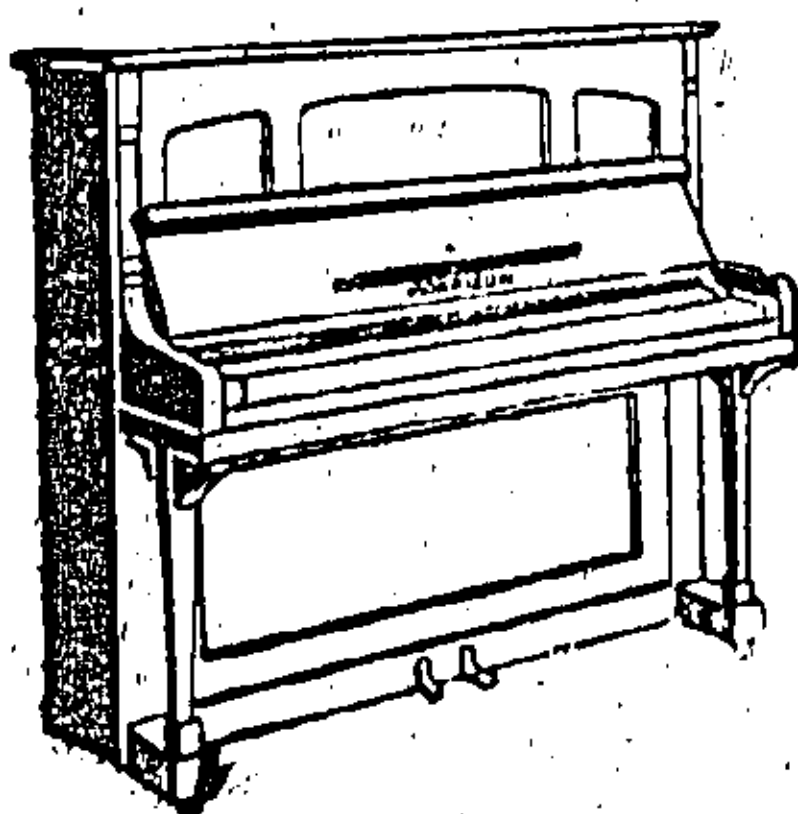
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CABLE AND RADIO.

GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION WITH COMPANIES.

London, Dec. 2. In view of the adverse effect on the receipts of telegraphic cable companies, resulting from the development of wireless telegraphy, and notably of the beam system linking Britain and the Dominions, negotiations have been opened by the cable companies with the Government and the matter is to be fully investigated. The importance of both systems in their different spheres is fully admitted and in the discussions proceeding it is recognised that, owing to their secrecy and freedom from atmospheric interference, cables have advantages in some respects over wireless from a strategic standpoint. The newspapers anticipate that a committee, representative of the interests affected, will review the whole question.—*British Wireless.*

NEW AIR STATION.

CROYDON INSTALLATION NEARING COMPLETION.

London, Dec. 2. The new Croydon air station, which has been built at the cost of over £250,000, is nearing completion and will be opened this month. A feature of the station is the fifty feet control tower from which, with the aid of all the latest mechanical devices, officers will control the air traffic of the station.—*British Wireless.*

Flying Officer J. R. Addams, of Tangmere Aerodrome, West Sussex, known as "The Lucky Pilot," had another remarkable escape when his machine—a Gamecock bombing plane—crashed from a height of 1,000ft. into a field near Chichester. He was shaken badly and received a slight cut on the face. But after treatment at the hospital he returned to the aerodrome smoking a cigarette and apparently little the worse for the accident. His machine was wrecked.

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- 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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TRADE REVIVAL.

COMMERCE CHAMBERS' CONFERENCE.

The official account of the conference of representatives of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, held with the view to discussing methods for improving trade, is contained in a letter written by Mr. M. F. Key, the Secretary of the General Chamber, to the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber, a copy of which has been forwarded to us for publication. It is as follows:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, 20th November, 1927.

To the Secretary, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, I beg to inform you that the conference of representatives of the two Chambers duly took place when I was requested by the meeting to notify your Chamber of what transpired.

All the delegates appointed by the two Chambers were present. The Hon. Mr. D.G.M. Bernard presided.

It was explained by the delegates of the Chinese Chamber, that it was desired, through the General Chamber of Commerce, to approach the banking institutions of the

Colony asking if they could see their way to granting somewhat easier facilities to merchants on the lines set forth in your letter of October 28th.

In reply to this it was pointed out on behalf of this Chamber that by publishing its letter the Chinese Chamber had already fully acquainted bankers with their views and that it might be taken for granted that, as far as possible, bankers would respond to the appeal, although, in the nature of things, the extent of trading facilities granted must depend on the circumstances of each particular case. This Chamber had every reason to believe (so far as the British and foreign banks are concerned, with which it is in closer touch than with Chinese banks) that, instead of placing any hindrance in the way of trade, the bankers are at special pains to do all they can to promote trade in these difficult times when unsettled conditions in China inevitably restrict the free exchange of commodities and reduce the purchasing power of the people. In short, the Committee of this Chamber was diffident of approaching the banks on the lines suggested, being convinced that the banks need no advice in the sense of doing all they can to encourage trade, and being conscious also that it was outside the province of the Chamber to suggest to bankers the lines on

which they should deal with their constituents—a matter in which they must act in accordance with their own judgment, having in view the interests of their shareholders and depositors.

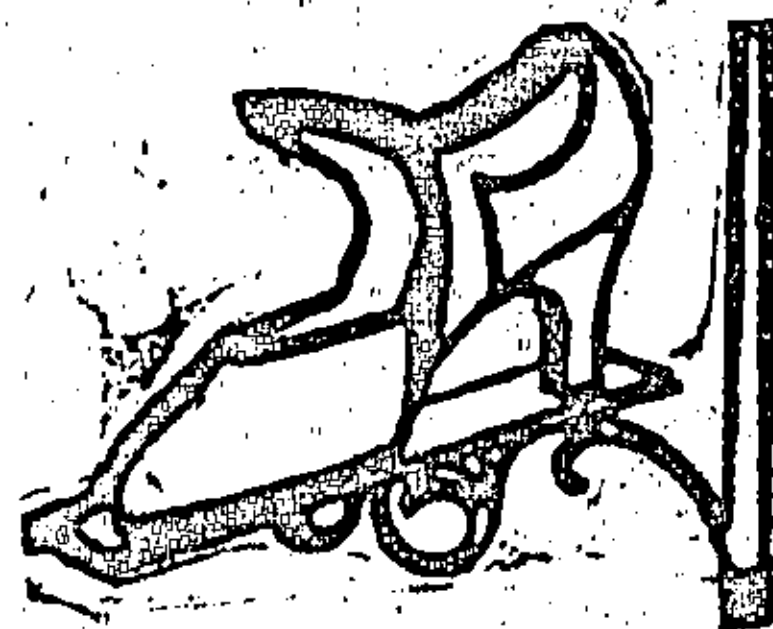
By way of rejoinder it was submitted that Chinese merchants who, in recent times of stress have approached British bankers for the first time, have not received treatment as generous as could be wished. As to this, the Chairman of this Chamber undertook to take up personally and confidentially any cases of hardship of this kind of which particulars were supplied, and the representatives of the Chinese Chamber undertook, if they could obtain the consent of the parties, to furnish particulars in confidence.

It was felt by this Chamber that a general statement that business was handicapped by the attitude of the banks was not enough, and that actual instances must be given of loss of trade due to unreasonable refusal to grant financial facilities before the General Chamber of Commerce could profitably take up the matter. It was agreed to postpone to another occasion the question raised in the last paragraph of your letter referring to the effect of the high cost of labour on trade.

The representatives of this Chamber assured the representatives of the Chinese Chamber that they were in the fullest sympathy with the efforts their Chamber has made in recent months to discover some means of improving the trade situation, and the Committee as a whole desires me to give the same assurance. It is the belief of this Chamber, however, that trade in Hongkong is bound to be adversely affected whilst the Colony's principal market is disorganised by civil strife and that Hongkong merchants will unfortunately find it necessary to adapt themselves to conditions of restricted trade until the general situation improves.

I have been specially requested by the delegates from this Chamber to express to Mr. Li Yau Tsun and his colleagues at the Meeting their high appreciation of the interesting discussion which took place, and to express the hope that it will be the forerunner of many others in furtherance of our common interests.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter dated 28th Oct. and of this letter to the Exchange Bankers' Association for the information of the Exchange Banks.—I am, dear Sir, Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) M. F. KEY,
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TELL THE BOYS WE CAN'T COME OUT NOW. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE BUSY FOR A LONG TIME YET.

I'LL SAY WE ARE. THE MAILMAN BROUGHT ANOTHER BIG BUNDLE OF LETTERS TODAY.

POP'S GONNA HAVE A LOT OF NAMES TO CHECK WHEN HE COMES HOME TONIGHT.

I DON'T WANT ANY LUNCH, MOM! WE'RE TOO BUSY!

MY GOODNESS! THEY'VE FALLEN ASLEEP WELL. IT'S BEDTIME ANYWAY. GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TURN IN AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR LETTERS TOMORROW.

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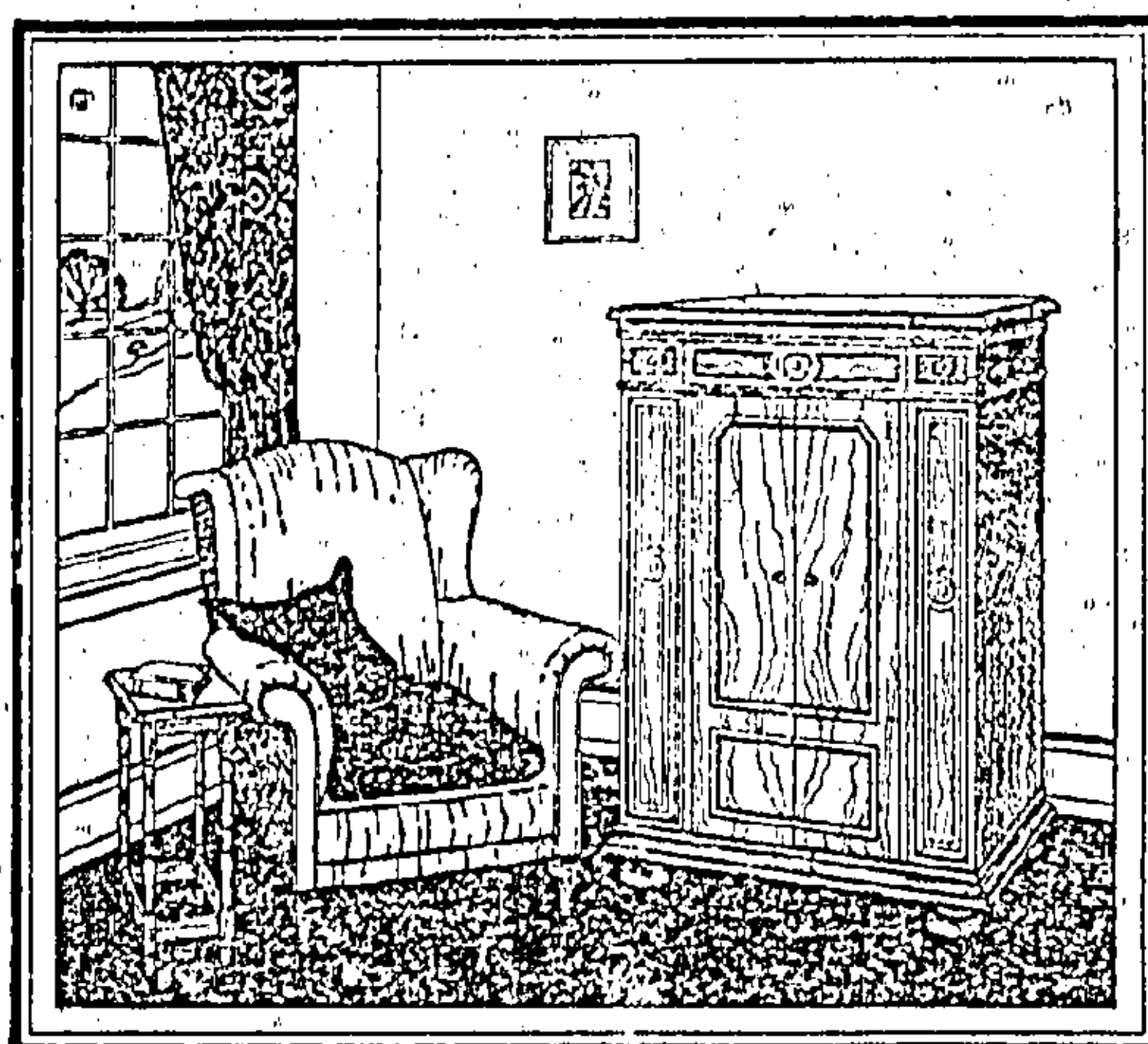
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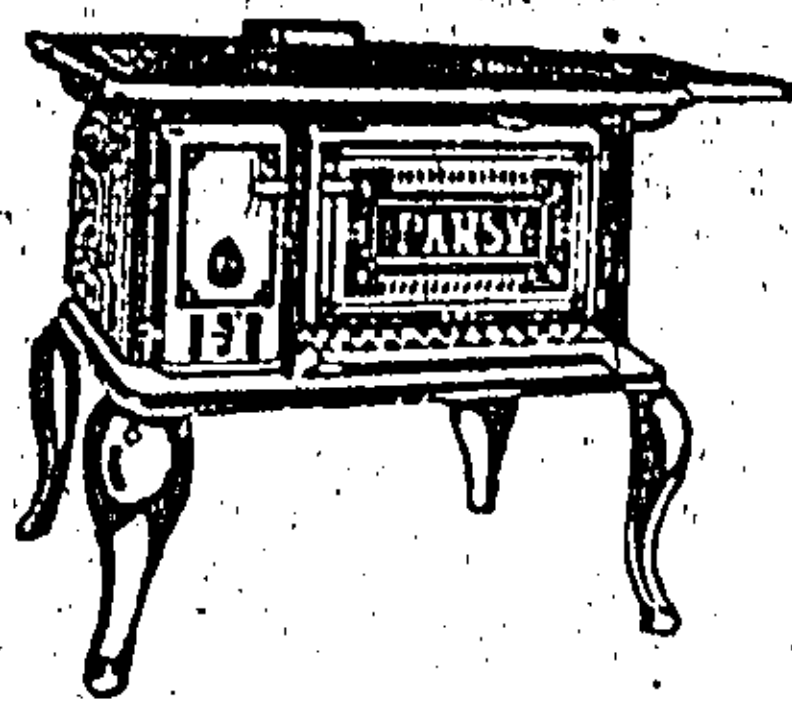
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DEATH

RIX.—On the 3rd instant, at the Victoria Hospital, Hongkong, he wife of R. R. Rix, of Ipoh. Funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph

SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 1927.

VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS.

We publish to-day extracts from the revised Volunteer Ordinance, which is to come up shortly for formal adoption by the Government. It is the result of a great deal of work by a drafting and consultation committee, and all aspects of the question of Volunteer service have been taken into consideration. It will be observed that certain anomalies, or what might have been read as such owing to slight obscurity of language—have been eliminated, and the proposed new Ordinance is "cut and dried," setting forth all that one may want to know about Volunteer service, and the requirements of the Corps. It will be noted that the regulations now embrace certain changes which were found necessary. Within recent years the matter of a better training programme has come up for consideration, and the number of instruction parades is specifically arranged to ensure efficiency. The question of disciplinary action is now definitely consolidated. There was an instance earlier this year of Volunteers appearing in court for not paying fines inflicted owing to non-attendance at the requisite number of drills. As was remarked at the time of this action—the first prosecutions ever to be brought under the Ordinance—discipline is essential for efficient running of the Corps, and there could be no question of the justification of these steps to hold members to their undertaking. Other changes which have come in include the decision to pay men while they are at camp, and there is also the matter of a longer camp term, with more rigorous training. It is all to the good of the Corps, which the authorities are sparing no effort to make thoroughly efficient. This week-end the first of the long instructional camps of the season is in progress, and some scores of men will be going out during the month to Fanning for very valuable training. In times like the present one realises more than ever the need for every fit man to take his part as a citizen, and as a loyal subject of the

King, in preparing for the defence of the Colony and its interests.

As will be seen from the extracts from the Ordinance which we reproduce to-day, there are several auxiliary units either to be formed or already in being. Mention should be made of the Band, already an efficient adjunct. The separation of the signal section of the Engineer Company to form a sub-corps of signals, is as it should be, for now there is a distinct unit of value in case of emergency, by reason of its ability to maintain communication all over the district. The inclusion of a wireless telephone unit a few years ago, which is now in full operation, has brought the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps entirely up-to-date in this respect. The proposed Light Section and Army Service Corps cadres are also likely to prove most useful adjuncts, as there must be many men capable of doing the work required, such as running the searchlights at the forts, who are otherwise, by the very nature of their avocations, unable to enrol in the ordinary way or attend drills at specified times. The splitting up of the Reserve Company, or more correctly the organisation of a special section for men over fifty years of age, is a necessary reform, not so much in view of the fact that some of the Reserves are much less active than others, as in view of the likelihood of a number of men, who feel themselves too old to do much training but would like to serve in case of actual emergency, coming forward now that they are specially catered for. It amounts really to registration of the names of those who would do their bit, despite their years, when the call came. The Reserve of Officers also should be an asset to the Corps. All that remains now is for an increase in the numbers of Volunteers. In so saying we would emphasise the need for men who are really keen. For the half-hearted the best advice is to keep away. But Hongkong can congratulate itself on having a truly fine body of men, larger than it was some years ago, who have set aside much of their spare time to maintain the preparedness so essential for defence purposes in an outpost like this Colony; and should the time come for them to be put to the test, they are sure not to be found wanting.

A Troubled Province.

Apart from purely political and military struggles, Kwangtung Province is at the moment in rather a troubled state. Some few days ago we published details of the terrible experiences suffered by people residing in the Hai-fung and Lukfung districts as the result of the activities of the "Red" Farmers' Labour Corps. Hundreds of innocent peasant folk have been massacred in cold blood, some after the most revolting torture, whilst many more have had to flee from their homes, some coming here to Hongkong for peace and security. Yesterday, it was reported that bandits were at work in yet another part of the Province—namely, the region around Kongmoon, where villages have been pillaged and village people brutally murdered. It is when one reads of incidents like these that one wonders when, if ever, some serious attempt is to be made to secure for the people of China those elementary rights of protection to which they are entitled. Treaty reform, tariff autonomy and extra-territoriality are all very important issues, but at the moment there is something of even greater urgency than issues of the character named. It is the establishment of sound government in the provinces, so that the tolling masses of China may be given a chance to live in true security. If only a start could be made with Kwangtung, something would be accomplished. But we fear the day when we shall see a model province in China is as far off as ever.

Our Letter Golf feature is proving most popular. A number of readers have managed to find alternative words to yesterday's example, and several have beaten "bogey." Here is one solution in less than "bogey"—Dumb, dump, lump, limp, lisp, wisp, wisp.

DAY BY DAY.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTION MADE BY LEGISLATORS AND PEOPLE ALIKE IS THAT A MAJORITY HAS POWERS TO WHICH NO LIMIT CAN BE PUT.—Herbert Spencer.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

A motor-cycle, valued at \$600, the property of Revenue Officer Tuck, has been stolen from the Central Fire Station.

The motor vessel Canton (Swedish East Asiatic Co.) left Rotterdam on November 22nd and is due here about January 6th.

Friends of Mr. H. Dreyer, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Peak Hospital, will be pleased to hear that he is progressing well.

According to the returns from the Botanical Gardens, the total rainfall during November was 132.1 inch. There were 25 days on which no rain fell.

The Gazette notifies that on and after 1st December, first and second class male patients will be admitted to Victoria Hospital, Barker Road, the Peak.

As a motor-lorry was going along Lai-chikok Road yesterday, it knocked down one of three boys who had run out on the roadway. The victim was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital with serious injuries.

An unknown Chinese, in a poor state of health, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by leaping into the harbour from the western waterfront. When rescued by the police he stated that he had no money, work or friends.

Mr. Johnson, living at No. 5, Bowen Road, has reported to the police the theft of property valued at \$220, from his residence. It was thought that the burglar entered through a door in the servants' quarters which was left open during the night.

It is notified that His Honour the Chief Justice has, by Commission signed by him, appointed Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Assistant Colonial Treasurer, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations, and attestations of honour in the Court.

It is intimated that the air mail fees applicable to letters from Hongkong for transmission by the United States Air Mail Service, regardless of distance or route, will be 20 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof. This fee is in addition to the regular postage.

It is notified that on and after 1st December, radio-telegrams will be accepted by the Radio Telegraph Department, General Post Office Building, for transmission to Siam through the intermediary of the Indo-China Service at the following rates:—Ordinary messages, 80 cents per word; Press messages, 40 cents per word.

Playing to a well-filled house at the Theatre Royal last night, Mr. R. B. Salisbury's popular musical company, "The Quaints," scored one of their greatest successes with "The Blue Train." Gordon Kennie, who sustained the humorous side of the piece, had the audience convulsed and when he left the stage there was persistent applause for his re-appearance. This was the company's farewell performance.

Last evening a group of educationalists and students gathered at St. Paul's Girls' College to hear a lecture on Health. Among those invited were members of the Chinese Women's Educational Association of Hongkong, the faculty of St. Stephens' Girls' College, the Faculty of St. Paul's Boys' College, and students of St. Paul's. The speaker, Dr. C. S. Kim, a Korean Doctor of Public Health who is now Field Director for the Council on Health Education in Shanghai, gave an address on "Health and National Prosperity."

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Paris	124
New York	4.88 5/32
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.30
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	89 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.08
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.34
Vienna	34.60
Prague	104 1/4
Rio	27.82
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot)	26.14/10
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

INDIAN JOURNEYS.

From Desert to Cornfield.

The country round Lyallpur in the Punjab presents a wonderful sight. The fields are neatly cut up into squares, and carefully partitioned off, so that the most may be made of the precious water which the skill of the Indian irrigation engineers has made available for the thirsty fields. The crops grown are the most valuable for which the area is suited, wheat, cotton and the goldenflowered oilseeds, and the proximity of the great College of Agriculture with its farm attached insures that the species are the best of their kind and produce the greatest outturn.

The railway station of Lyallpur is said to be the second largest exporter of wheat in the world, and from it pours away, apparently unceasingly, trainloads of surplus produce to other parts of India and to the rapidly growing port of Karachi.

To realize what Lyallpur, Saragoda and Montgomery once were, one must think of the country to be commanded by the Sutlej Valley system now under construction. Water has begun to flow in the canals taking off from the Suleimanki weir, and gradually by four weirs and twelve canals, deserts the size of Wales in the Punjab, Bikanir and Bahawalpur States will become something like what Lyallpur now is.

In the Bahawalpur State a railway line runs down the margin of the desert close to the riverbank of the Sutlej. One or two fortunate stations have sweet wells of their own; others have water pumped to the tanks from supplies some two or three miles away; but the staff of many wayside halts get their drinks from iron tanks brought down the line from more favoured spots.

From this line for forty miles southward not a drop of sweet water can be obtained. Away in the distance lies the Hakra, the dry bed of some old river which has long ago lost its supply. Fortunately there is a flow of sweet water underground, and by the rare and deep wells to this supply are placed a number of old forts, built to protect the graziers from Rajputana raiders.

Some of the forts have been in existence for over 400 years. Others date back 200 years, when the Daudpotras (Sons of David) of

Bahawalpur first won the country from Jaisalmir. The Hakra bed must have been less desolate in the past for it is by that route that in the first half of the nineteenth century Elphinstone went as Envoy to Afghanistan and Shah Shuja came to take refuge in India.

Between the Sutlej and the Hakra there is no water to drink. The rainfall averages only five inches a year, and in very good seasons small quantities may be caught in shallow tanks, but this is negligible. Cattle and sheep can graze within a certain distance of a well on the two margins of the desert, and camels can penetrate still farther into the waste, they surviving without water for some days and their attendants getting their drink from the camel's milk.

Here and there is a bitter well, with water soaked in sulphate of soda and smelling of sulphurated hydrogen which suffices for animal and man who have lived in the desert from childhood; but no Indian, accustomed to the water of the riverain, can drink from such wells. Wild birds and beasts are rare. Ravine deer can endure without water for a long time, but the foxes do not penetrate into the most arid parts.

The Houbara bustard, sandgrouse, and occasionally the Great Indian bustard, four feet high, may be seen, if there has been rain to make the grasses grow. Desert larks, wheatears, longtailed tits, and shrikes appear here and there in the course of a long camel ride. The scenery for the forty miles contains not a single tree, not even the stunted acacias which can grow in barren soil if their long tap roots can find water within forty feet or so. There is a long succession of sandhills and saltbushes broken by stretches of hard ground over which the wind keeps the dust in constant movement.

With all this we know from past experience that the canals will bring down water which will fertilize the soil and percolating downward will enable, later on, sweet wells to be sunk. There will be hardships to be endured by the early colonists, but before long the wilderness will be covered with crop and the wharves of Karachi will have more and more abundance of produce to export.

A.O.B.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

POSITION AT THE END OF AUGUST.

The Government Gazette contains a statement of the financial position of the Colony up to the end of August. This shows that the credit balance on that date was \$4,273,195, as against \$4,298,191 at the end of July.

The total revenue for the month of August was \$1,655,497, as against \$1,689,206 for the same month of last year. Revenue from January 1st to August 31st totalled \$13,246,403, this comparing with \$12,993,634 for the corresponding period of 1925.

For August month, the total expenditure was \$1,680,433, as against \$1,630,109 for August 1925. For the eight months ended August 31st, the expenditure was \$12,459,498, compared with \$14,585,149 for the corresponding period last year. The biggest decrease in outgoings was one of \$1,431,536 on Public Works Extraordinary, whilst this year there was no expenditure on Port Works Extraordinary, which in 1925 absorbed \$335,082.

DEATH OF MRS. H. R. RIX.

WIFE OF INTERPORT CRICKETER.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Rix, wife of Mr. H. R. Rix, of Ipoh, which occurred at the Victoria Hospital this morning.

The deceased lady came to Hongkong with her husband, one of the Malaya Interport cricket team, but about a week ago was taken seriously ill with what later turned out to be cerebro-spinal meningitis. Despite all that medical aid could do for her, she passed away this morning. The sympathy of Hongkong sportsmen and the community generally will be felt for the bereaved husband, who is at present in the Colony.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

As a mark of sympathy, the 1st XI match between the Hongkong and Kowloon Cricket Clubs, fixed for this afternoon, has been cancelled.

TO MARINERS.

HARBOUR OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

Under the heading "Approaches to Hongkong: Tathong Channel," the Harbour Master notifies that the fog bell on Lam-tong-mi has been removed and will be replaced about the middle of February, 1928.

The Harbour Master also issues a warning that survey operations will be carried out from time to time in connection with dredging of the area at Kowloon Point. Masters of vessels are warned to keep clear of all sampans, motor boats and buoys used on this work which shall each carry a red flag and to keep a good lookout for all craft so employed.

THE NEW "FORD."

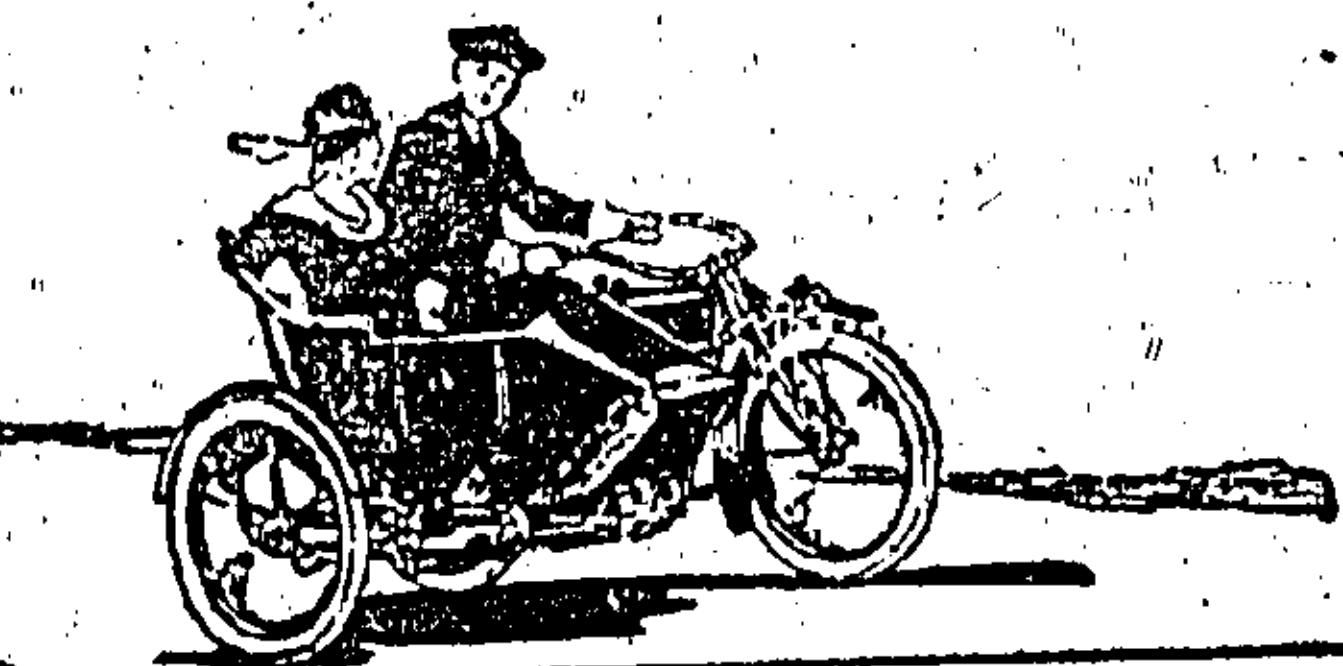
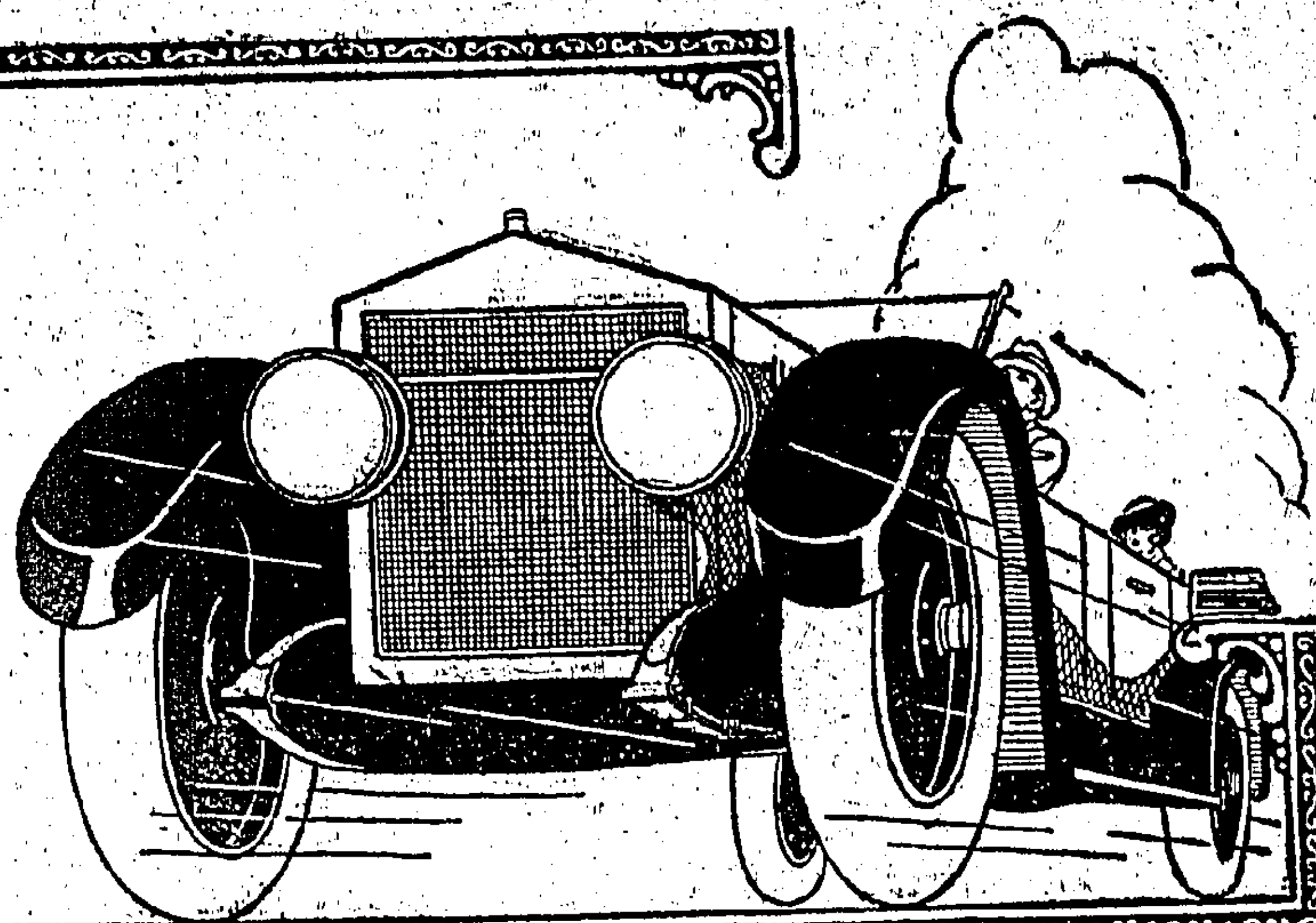
SOME FURTHER DETAILS.

The following cable signed by Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, giving official specifications of the new Ford car was received this morning by Messrs. Andrew Harper and Son, local Ford dealers.

"The new Ford car is designed for modern conditions with unusual speed and acceleration and is not merely the refined model T but an entirely new car from radiator to rear axle. Nothing quite like it in quality or price. Specifications are:—4 cylinder 40 horse power motor, unusually quiet at all speeds; remarkable acceleration and speed; 4 wheel brakes; standard selective gear shift; multiple dry disc clutch; 4 hydraulic shock absorbers; irreversible steering gear; ignition simplified system battery single coil and distributor; new starter-generator; combination pump splash gravity lubrication system; combination thermo-siphon and pump cooling system; beautiful body lines; unusually economical fuel consumption; low centre of gravity; 6 different passenger types, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor, Fordor, Sport Coupe, in 4 colours. Also a new fast, sturdy truck rated at 1-1/2 tons; cantilever rear springs; heavy frame with 4 cross members. New products represent the result of Ford experience in building over fifteen million vehicles. Will be sold on quality basis, following usual policy prices will be low. Assembly plants preparing for record production, complete change in car design necessitating many factory changes signed.—Edsel B. Ford."

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CURRENT COMMENT



Happy Valley Crowds.

The control of the vast crowds and heavy motor traffic at Happy Valley on such occasion as last Saturday's football match, is no light problem for the Police, and after witnessing the chaos along the Wong Nei Chung Road at the conclusion of the match mentioned above, we are of the opinion that a more effective scheme of control might be effected. As it happened, the race meeting was responsible for the one-way traffic, which is an excellent idea, providing a better system be inaugurated in connection with the dozens of public hire cars which pick up fares at the conclusion of a football match. The European officer directing the traffic managed to obtain some sort of order, although his task was a most unenviable one. It would have saved a great deal of commotion had vehicles been parked facing the direction they had to take. As it was, the tangle caused by dozens of cars backing and manoeuvring in the act of turning round presented a veritable motorist's nightmare, not to mention the traffic officer who, in all fairness to him, made the best of a decidedly difficult task.

Stubbs' Road Junction.

After the football match referred to above, Morrison Hill Road was literally packed with pedestrians walking towards Wanchai, and an almost endless stream of motor traffic slowly hooted its way through the throng. At the junction of Stubbs Road, the constable on duty was totally unable to see the traffic on account of the dense crowd in front of him, the result being that a line of cars awaited the signal to proceed from Stubbs Road into Morrison Hill Road, while another stream, headed by one of the large Hongkong Hotel buses, was held up just by the Naval Hospital. These vehicles stretched down as far as the monument in Wanchai, and the line was constantly being added to. We do not know how long the congestion existed, but the disorder indicated that a better system of control is needed. In the first place, the signalling officer at Stubbs Road should be provided with a platform at least five feet above the road level, in order that he might be allowed to observe the traffic. As it was, one could not see the constable at all, and it naturally follows

that he was unable to direct the traffic in an intelligent manner. One has to remember the serious delay which might be caused to the fire brigade or ambulance services, to appreciate the need for remedying last Saturday's traffic jam.

The "Pirate" Cars.

Hongkong can consider itself particularly fortunate in the matter of public car service. First of all, there is the excellent livery service of Studebaker cars so efficiently operated by the Hongkong Hotel Company, and secondly, the large number of individually owned vehicles which ply for public hire, popularly known by the misnomer "Pirate Cars." The comparison between these well-kept and up-to-date vehicles and the taxis of a bygone age, is most striking, and gives convincing support of the argument that private enterprise, when competitive, is unquestionably for the public good.

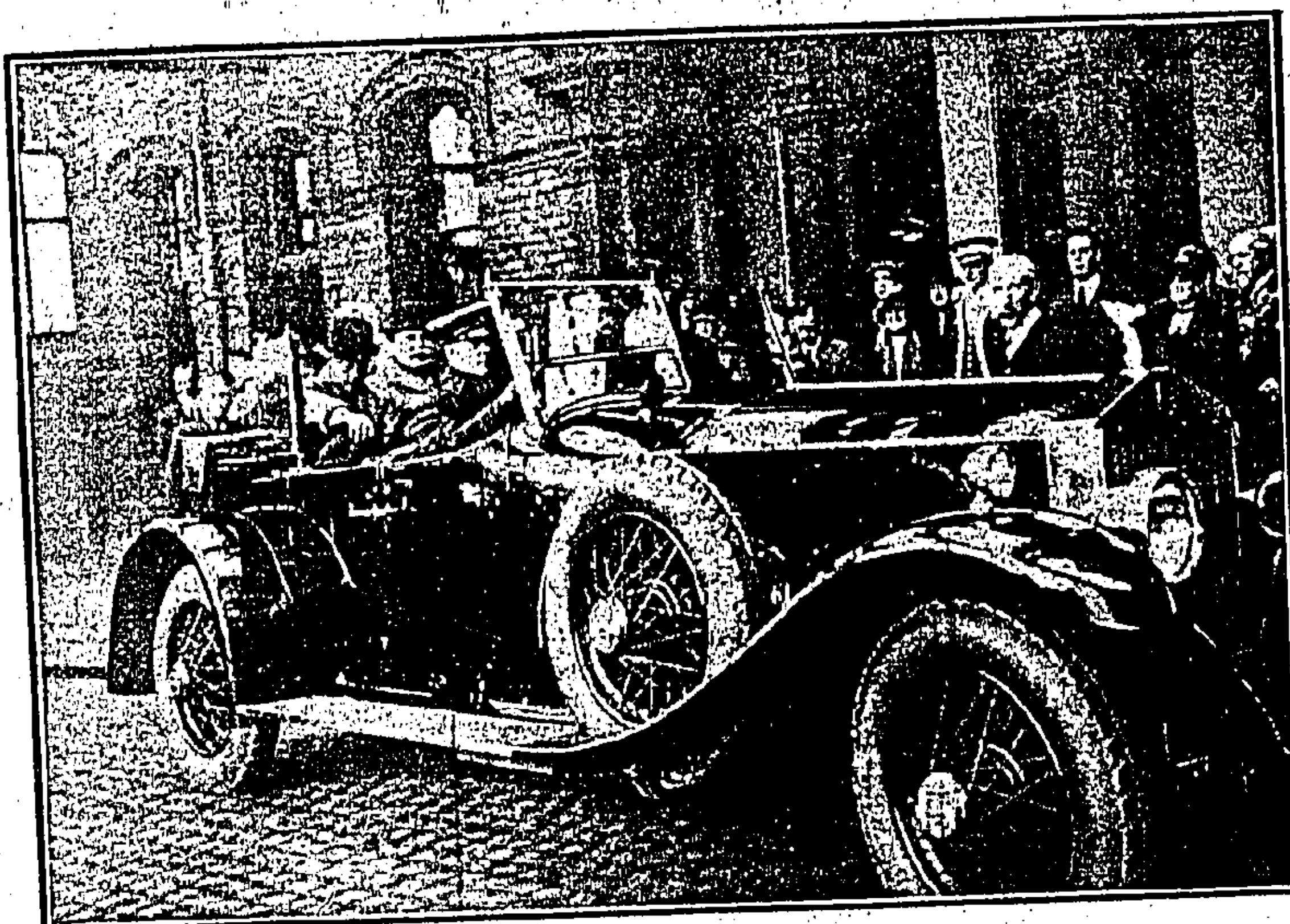
For the Future.

It is in connexion with these public vehicles we have recently heard the hope expressed, that they will be permitted to ply for hire in the present manner, providing as they do, comfortable, clean and reliable transport at reasonable charges. We certainly agree with such hopes, and would go further and point out that the majority of these cars now on the streets represent a considerable financial outlay to their owners, who have presumably invested their monies in legitimate business ventures. As long as the vehicles are kept in thoroughly good condition the owners should receive every encouragement from the Authorities, and as token of encouragement, we again suggest that signs be erected indicating that vehicles parked at certain selected locations are authorised public hire vehicles.

"203 Miles Per Hour."

We received a considerable number of applications for the special souvenir booklet issued by the Sunbeam Motor Car Company, in appreciation of Major Segrave's wonderful feat. There are still a few available, and readers who have not yet secured a copy may obtain one gratis on application to this office.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES IN LANCASHIRE.



This picture shows H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Derby in a Rolls-Royce outside the station at Preston, Lancs.

REDUCTION GEAR.

The Schneider Cup Contest.

An interesting feature has been disclosed in connexion with the victory of the British Supermarine Monoplane in the recent Schneider Cup Contest. It transpires that the engine of the winning machine was fitted with reduction gear. The advantage of the use of reduction gear in conjunction with a comparatively small engine for marine purposes in motor craft has for some time been recognised, and it is due to the Ailsa Craig Motor Co., Ltd., of Chiswick, London, pioneers in this method, that it has attained such success at sea. By its means they have successfully employed neat and compact engines to drive a large slow running propeller. In this way they have obtained a propulsive efficiency that would not otherwise be possible, except by the use of a large heavy engine which owing to space and weight restrictions in boats is often ruled out of the question. The system also affords a considerable economy in operative costs, for the small engine is naturally more economical to run.

In the opinion of experts this is an ideal system of power transmission for all classes of craft, especially in auxiliary yachts and racing boats where heavy commercial boats where towing is often to be done. The experiment of reduction gear with Aeroplanes will be watched with the greatest interest, and if it is as successful as with the Ailsa Craig Marine engines we may look to even greater speeds being attained than in the recent race at the Lido.

LATEST "TRIUMPHS"

New Colour Scheme.

A further surprise awaited visitors to the Triumph Stand, at the Motor Cycle Show at Olympia, for they no longer found the Triumph tanks finished in the familiar grey and green that has distinguished them since 1920. Black has now replaced the grey while the panels are carried out in blue, and gold lining further enhances the appearance of the new tanks. There can be no doubt that a black finish is both attractive and serviceable, and the Triumph Company have adopted it mainly in response to the demands of the public. It is at once apparent that the black tanks rob the Triumphs of none of their good looks.

THE AMMETER.

Highly Important, but Least Understood.

(By Israel Klein.)

One of the dashboard instruments that is highly important, but is least understood, is the ammeter. That's the dial that's marked "charge" and "discharge" and that points steadily to a figure on the "charge" side while the car is being driven by day, and changes over to the other side when the lights are being used at night.

All that most drivers know of this instrument is that the dial should remain at a definite point on the "charge" side by day, and so long as this remains steadily at that point there is nothing wrong with the part of the car that this dial seems to control.

But the ammeter is the guide to the proper functioning of the car's electrical system.

The ammeter tells when a headlight is out, or if there's a short circuit in the electrical line, or when the generator fails to function properly.

The generator is the electrical power house of the automobile. The ammeter is the guide to that power house.

While the battery is being used to start the motor, the needle of the ammeter is on the "discharge" side telling the driver that valuable current is being taken out of the battery.

That this is highly valuable, and not to be wasted, is stressed by the fact that the average automobile battery can be drained of its juice in 15 minutes in warm weather, and in only five minutes in cold weather.

Once the motor is started, and everything is all right, the ammeter points to a definite figure on the charge side, telling the driver that the generator is supplying the proper power and at the same time is charging the battery, in preparation for its next drainage.

Let one of the headlights go out, and the needles will show a slight increase in the regular charging rate.

And if the generator fails to function altogether, the needle will go over to the discharge side, while the motor is running, warning the driver that the battery is supplying the juice that otherwise should be furnished by the generator.

If the generator suddenly fails to function it should be overhauled immediately, or it might burn out.

Testing the battery every two weeks is important in this connection, for its condition is tell-tale

A NEW ROYAL CAR.

We learn that H.M. Queen Mary will shortly be taking delivery of a new 35 h.p. Daimler limousine, with coach-work by Hooper and Co. (Coachbuilders), Ltd.

As is usual with the Royal cars, Triples Safety Glass is fitted throughout.

CAR TRADE BOOMS.

Huge U. S. & Canadian Production.

Production of cars and trucks in the United States and Canada for August totalled 315,566 according to the report by the Department of Commerce. The total includes no Fords, as no report was made to the Department by the Ford Motor Company. This indicates there was practically no Ford production during the month due to preparation for the new model. Passenger car and truck production in the United States in August was 271,325 and 31,715 respectively. In July passenger car and truck production was 235,384 and 29,855. In August 1926, passenger car and truck production was 380,232 and 42,012. For the first eight months of 1927, the output of passenger cars and trucks in the United States and Canada totalled 2,743,411, as against 3,237,935 for the first eight months of 1926.

CHEVROLET FIGURES.

865,000 in Nine Months.

The Chevrolet Motor Car Company produced 79,000 cars and trucks in September, bringing the total for nine months to over 865,000 units. This compares with an output of 81,158 cars and trucks in September last year and a total for the first nine months of 1926 of 594,665 units. The Company's October production is scheduled at 75,000 cars and trucks.

for that of the generator and the entire electrical system.

If the battery is fully charged and requires only a little more water, it is going perfectly. If the battery seems to be using up too much water, it is being over-charged by the generator and should be controlled by use of the headlights by day for a while. Otherwise this might injure the battery.

If the battery, however, persistently shows an undercharge, the generator should be adjusted to supply more current.

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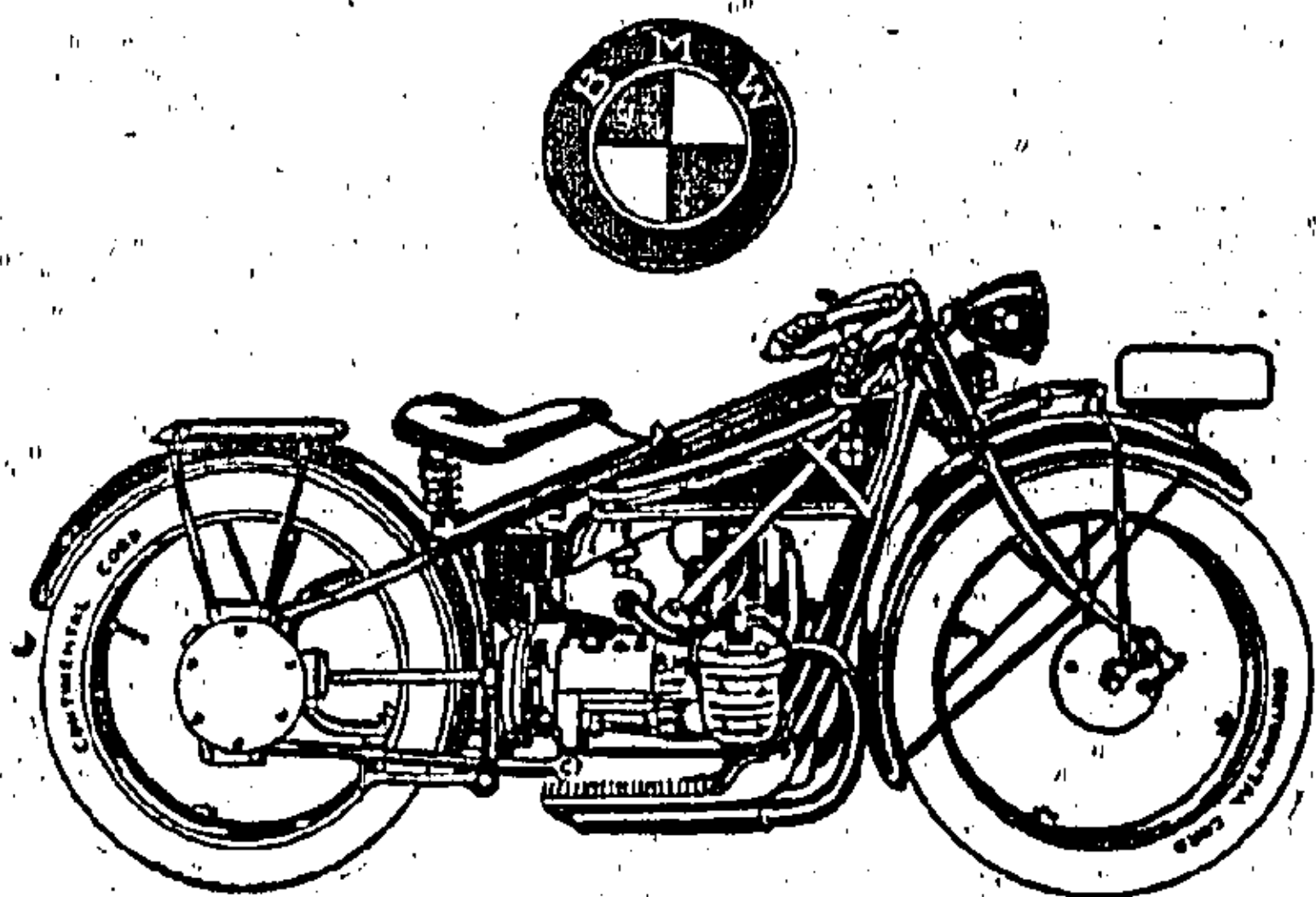


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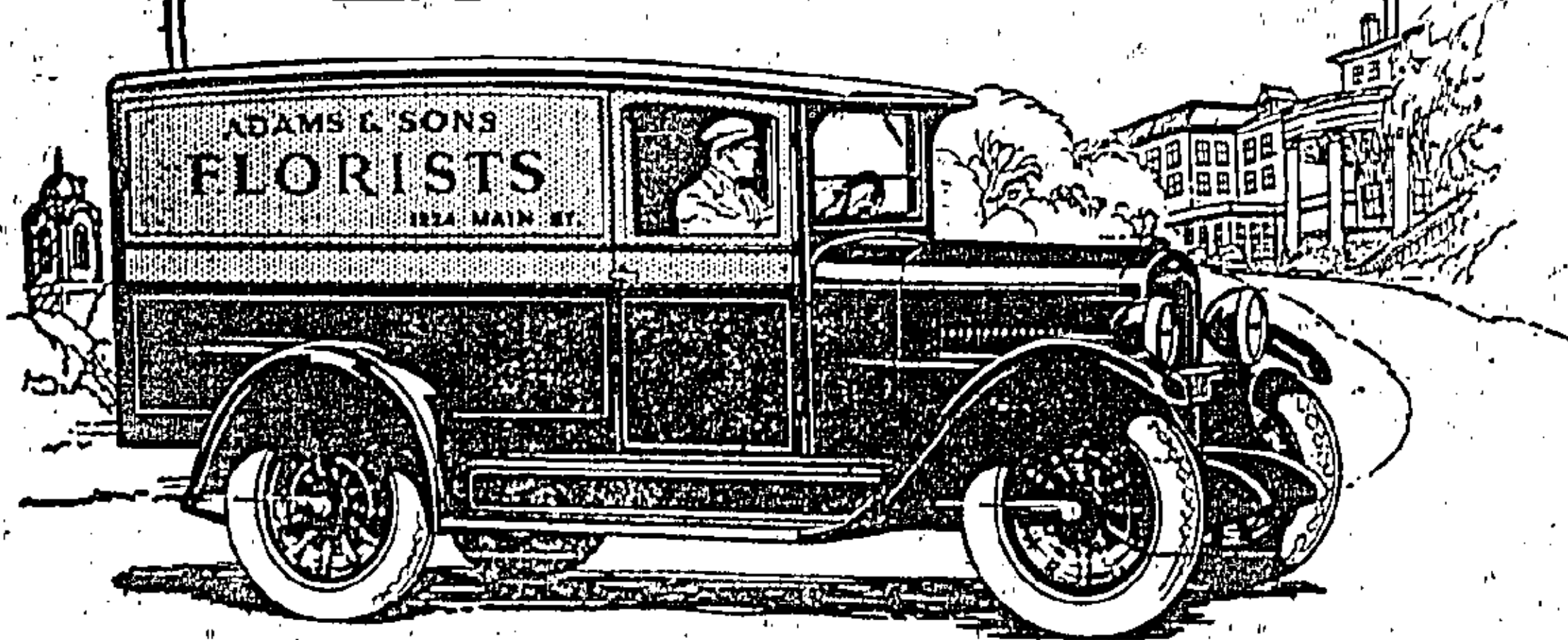
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THE DOGS' POINT OF VIEW.

"Two Sides to Every Question."

(By J. L. Cunningham.)

Are dogs guilty of the base charges levelled at them by some motorists and others, who assert that they frequently make determined efforts at suicide?

With a view to ascertaining the truth, I have managed, at great trouble and expense, to interview some leading members of the canine race.

"It is a libel," remarked a fox terrier whose opinions on the subject I canvassed first. "Not only are we more agile than in my great-grandfather's day, but we are also more intelligent." And he resumed his pleasant task of exhuming a ripened bone, as if the final word on the subject had been said.

Finding that I still lingered, he went on talking. "My great-grandfather died the year before I was born," he said, wiping his muddy nose on my trouser legs.



At the sound of the warning signal they both proceed expeditiously to the neighbouring pavement.

"But they say that he simply didn't understand the sound of a motor-horn. He would actually dart across the road just as if there was nothing about except horses."

"And how did he pass away?" I asked, notebook and pencil in hand.

"Motor-bus," said the fox terrier laconically.

"My grandfather was a bit better," he continued, scratching an ear reminiscently with a hind leg. "But I can well remember as a puppy running out with him, and being terrified because he would persist in crossing the road without looking where he was going."

"Ah," I said, "and do you never do that?"

"The modern dog," he barked, "is entirely different. He looks before going to visit the butcher's shop opposite. He looks both ways, and he keeps his ears open as well. Nor does he stop half-way unless he meets a friend."

"Quite so," I interposed, "and what then?"

"Well," he replied thoughtfully, "it's rude to pass a friend without saying good morning, isn't it? And sometimes when one is busy growling with a pal one doesn't always notice a motor-horn."

"That's where accidents happen," I said, wisely.

"Quite, quite," he responded. "But I wish that motorists would bark at us more often. The polite ones don't trouble about the horn, but just say 'wow-wow' or 'woof-woof,' very shrilly, and we always hear that."

I promised to bark at unobedient dogs in future, and said good morning, leaving my informant muzzling his ripe bone. I then proceeded to the house of an aristocratic alsatian that I knew.

"It all resolves itself into a question of heredity," he asserted, in my enquiry as to whether the modern dog notices the motor-horn. "Nearly all dogs with an urban ancestry," he continued, "answer promptly to the sound of either bull-horn or electric hooter. The instinct is inbred in their subconscious selves. For several generations their forebears have strenuously avoided the automobile with varying measures of success, and those that have escaped have transmitted the instinct to their descendants."

"Very interesting," I said. "But tell me—"

"Observe, for instance," he continued, ignoring the interruption, "those two gutterdogs sporting themselves in the highway. An automobile is approaching. Is life or limb imperilled? No! At the sound of the warning signal they both proceed expeditiously to the neighbouring pavement. But in remote country districts I understand that such breeds as the sheepdog are still apt to become confused in the presence of traffic."

I thanked him, and later paid a visit to a country farm to ask an old sheepdog his views.

"No, sir," he barked, "not right, for sure," replied the shaggy veteran thoughtfully, when I repeated to him the alsatian's views.

"Why, look 'ee, sir," he told me. "I goes t' market every Saturday as 'ever is, in' maister's old 'van, an' there be ter'ble lot o' cars in town market days, sir."

"I ears better'n most o' they town dogs," he continued quickly. "Why, look 'ee, sir, it's my job t' clear sheep off t' road when a car's a-coming. I bin't able t' see as well as some, 'cos me cybers keeps a-growing down me face, but lor' bless 'ee, sir, I ears 'em a-coming a mile away."

I retired a little abashed, but feeling that my report would be incomplete without the views of a lap-dog, I made a point of calling on my aunt's prize Pekinese.

"What?" the creature snapped, sitting up in his basket. "Motor-horns? Nasty vulgar noisy things that upset my afternoon's nap. No! I never take any notice of them."

"When I want to cross the road I just go," he snorted angrily, "and I don't hurry either. I make the cars get out of my way," he added, haughtily, and relapsed into a somnolent snuffle once more. (By arrangement with the Morris Owner.)

ROAD SERVICE.

A Resourceful A.A. Patrol.

An Automobile Association Road Patrol saw a motor cyclist with a pillion rider crossing a narrow bridge. The driver apparently lost control, and struck the side of the bridge. The rear of the machine tilted up and flung the pillion passenger over the bridge.

Knowing that there was a fall of nearly 20 feet, and that the stream below had a bed of rocks, the A.A. Patrol rushed to the scene, jumped from the bridge, and went to the assistance of the passenger, who was lying at the bottom of the stream, face downwards and seriously injured.

G. M. TAXICABS.

600 for New York.

The Yellow Taxicab Corporation of New York City has placed an order with the New York branch of the General Motors Truck Company for six hundred new taxicabs, Model 66, powered by a Buick six cylinder engine. The new cabs will replace a like number that are now in service. The lines of the new cab are long and low, particular attention has been made to springing, and the interiors are tastefully and excellently finished.

The A.A. Patrol called for a doctor and an ambulance, rendered first-aid, and assisted in making the injured lady comfortable in the ambulance for the journey to the hospital.

TAXI TACTICS.

They may, as has been rumoured, Lack the finer points of tact; But then, if you're good-humoured, Watch their tactics when they act. In manner that's designedly Contrived to miss no lead; And note how, unrefinedly, They own the blinking road. So carefully meticulous to help each other, Within each coloured taxi they discern a brother.

Should fortune ever set you At the doors—on night of rain—Of theatre, I'll bet you That you'll never go again. You'll see beyond the din and blur And multicoloured barrage. Of close-linked cabs that hug the curb,

The car you own. Growl "courage," And grimly slop through puddles while the hail-stones hiss; Lord help the private owner on a night like this

With jauntness abounding. See them skid and stop and pounce (With confidence astounding. In their brake's last grounding once) On any likely client who's Seen carelessly to wave; Jump. Shift yourself within your shoes If you've a life to save. The eager way in which they strive and strain for fares Makes me feel glad I didn't sell those taxi shares.

—W. Y. S. GUY.

A WAY TO SAFER MOTORING.

Co-operation of the Pedestrian.

Every one is a potential motorist. I imagine that there are few people who, if placed in the position of being able to afford a motor car, would prefer to be without one.

Motor-cars are becoming cheaper, smaller, safer, and more efficient day by day. Year by year more will be able to afford the pleasures of motoring, and thus the number of motorists will steadily and infallibly increase.

New and safer roads have been constructed; others are being planned; existing roads are being widened and made as "safe" as possible.

If pedestrians, especially those who aspire to become motorists, would study road problems while they are yet pedestrians; if they would learn when and how they can assist motorists by signalling them over cross roads or round a dangerous corner, they would not only be performing a most useful service to their fellow-citizens, but would be laying up a store of useful knowledge against the time when they themselves become drivers.

To do this, pedestrians need to know something of the difficulties which confront the average motorist of the present day and of the dangers which beset him in various circumstances.

Every Monday morning one reads of the toll of accidents over the week-end. The same thing applies—only more so—after a Bank Holiday. Pedestrians, I believe, could do a good deal to minimise these occurrences.

I have already noticed with considerable personal satisfaction an increasing effort on the part of pedestrians to help the motorist to the best of their ability by signals. Some of the signals are weird and wonderful, it is true, and one is sometimes at a loss to know what information the signaller intends to convey. Nevertheless, it is a kindly thought, and the principle is right.

At present one cannot perhaps place undue reliance on such help although it depends to some extent on the appearance of the signaller. One can usually tell, for example, whether he is a sensible kind of man who is really out to help, whether he is the fussy type of man whose passion in life is to interfere in other people's business, or whether he is the kind of youth who will blissfully wave one over a cross road because he wants to see some "speeding," entirely regardless of the fact that there may be danger from unseen traffic.

So it does not do to rely too much on these signals at present; and while acknowledging the kindly thought of the signaller when he waves me round a corner which is visible to him and not to me, I always prepare to meet another car or even a charabanc or a hay cart. In many cases the signal has been decidedly useful; on other occasions, one's caution proves to be well founded.

What we motorists ask is that the pedestrian should study carefully the orthodox road signals so that his efforts may be readily understood and acted on. In this way they not only help other people to avoid accidents, but will benefit greatly by their experience when they themselves come to drive a car.

I look forward to the day when one will be able to act as readily on the signal of the average pedestrian as one does now on the signal of a policeman or scout.

But it is not fair to ask the non-motoring public to co-operate with motorists if the latter do not themselves co-operate. It must be a "fifty-fifty" business. Too many motorists think that because they are motorists they have prior claim on the roads at all times; others are unmannerly enough to treat with scorn the well-meaning assistance of those on foot. Politeness is just as cheap to motorists as it is to the rest of the community.—Lord Cottenham in *Daily Express*.

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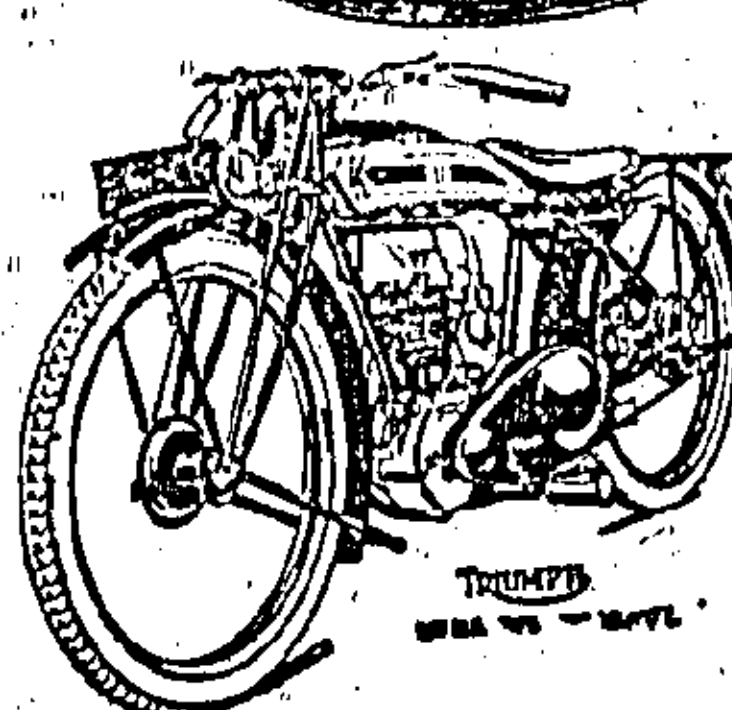
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HINTS FOR THE MOTORIST

by ALBERT L. CLOUGH

THE BELATED SPARK.

Many cases of lack of power, boiling radiators and low fuel economy are due to a too late (too greatly retarded) setting of the ignition. If the charge is ignited so tardily that the full pressure of its combustion is attained only after the piston is well on its downstroke, a large part of the energy produced by the explosion is still present in the cylinder when the exhaust valve opens and is irretrievably lost through it, instead of being converted into power by its pressure acting upon the piston. The burning gases, thus prematurely escaping, are at abnormally high temperature and are likely to scale and warp the exhaust-valve faces and are certain to communicate excessive heat to the passages through which they flow, which heat may be beyond the ability of the cooling system to take care of without the water being raised to the boiling temperature. The abnormal amount of heat thrown away through the exhaust of course represents gasoline consumed and very high fuel consumption is the result. An overlate setting of the ignition may be a factory defect or an error in adjustment by a mechanic during an overhauling or it may result from the slipping of the ignition cam on the shaft that drives it. Excessive wear of a timing chain or the accumulation of undue backlash anywhere in the distributor drive may gradually increase the retardation of the spark. Any slip or development of lost motion between the crankshaft and the ignition-cam tends to make the spark occur later, not earlier. Whenever an engine acts sluggishly and will not accelerate load as it should, is incapable of giving its car as high a speed as it ought, overheats its cooling water unnecessarily and makes more exhaust noise than it should, too greatly retarded ignition may be suspected, if there is no other obvious reason for these shortcomings and the setting of the ignition-cam should be checked, in accordance with directions given in the instruction book. As a general rule, the breaker points of the distributor should just be beginning to separate as the piston of the cylinder that is to fire exactly reaches the top of its stroke in order that the timing of the spark shall be correct.

Water Lost Through Overflow.

Question.—When my car exceeds a speed of 35 m. p. h. so much water is lost from the radiator, through the overflow, that the remainder boils in a short time. Water is also lost when corners are turned or the car is stopped suddenly. The radiator has been cleaned out thoroughly. Can you account for this trouble?

Answer: It is certain that water must, at times, rise in the upper radiator tank above the top of the overflow pipe and the cause of this is almost always lack of free flow down through the radiator itself. We cannot resist the feeling that your radiator is still somewhat obstructed, despite your efforts to clean it out. Disconnect the lower hose connection at the radiator, supply water to the filling opening from a hose stream until there is overflowing and see if water runs out forcibly in a full, round stream from the bottom opening. If it does not, the radiator passages are not free. If water does come out perfectly freely, please write us again. Be sure that the lower hose connection is a perfect one.

Polish for Lacquered Surfaces.

Question.—Please inform me as to the advisability of using "crude oil" on the lacquer or enameled finish of a car.

Answer: We have never known of crude oil being recommended for this purpose and should advise against its use. The usual recommendation for polishing and preserving lacquer finish is to use some form of reliable prepared wax, which is applied sparingly and rubbed so thoroughly with cheesecloth that all excess is removed, leaving the surface brilliant but so dry as not to collect dust. With most of the popular brands of polishing wax there is supplied a cleaner, which can safely be used to remove dirt from the surface to be treated. Your dealer can supply you with these preparations. While crude oil might not injure the finish and might make the car look shiny at first, there would be formed a sticky film, which would soon become dull by dust sticking to it. The wax film, when rubbed down fully, is free from this objection.

CARS BOUGHT BY HIRE PURCHASE.

Has the Saturation Point Been Reached?

One obvious question that must suggest itself is whether the home market may not be nearing saturation point (says the *Yorkshire Post*, in regard to the demand for motor cars.)

At present, according to the figures issued this week by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, one motor car is owned for every 63 persons in Great Britain. This proportion is very low compared with the figures for the United States or Canada, where the proportions are seven and 13 respectively. It is, nevertheless, the opinion of a good many competent judges, that at least while the present state of trade depression persists over here, we should not expect with too much confidence any further large expansion in home demand.

On the other hand, shrinkage is most unlikely, and the demand has already reached a point which should enable manufacturers to go forward confidently to their task—viewed most sympathetically by the public—of giving ever greater value for money.

They have undoubtedly been immensely assisted in the last two years by the spread of the hire-purchase system and the import duty on foreign cars. The hire-purchase system sometimes raises qualms in the minds of sociologists, but whether or not it is an altogether healthy social influence, its commercial value seems to be established beyond doubt.

With the aid of the import duty, British manufacturers have fought foreign competition most successfully, and at the two ends of the scale—represented by luxury cars of the highest quality and the cheap family light cars—there is very little to fear at present from any foreign rivalry.

But a notable tendency in recent American design is the approximation in a number of models to European styles of bodywork, and whatever success may attend Mr. Ford's new car when at last this mysterious vehicle enters the market, it is very probable that the higher-priced British car will have during the next year or two to meet growing competition from American models offering closely similar advantages, both in performance and appearance, at rather lower prices. Continental competition, save for one or two French firms, is not very serious at present, and shows no immediate signs of becoming so.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

Some Liquid Numbers in Praise of Petrol.

As in the Trojan tragedy of Priam
We hear about "the wine-empurpled sea;"
And as the Persian poet Omar Khayyam
(Writing a book of verses 'neath a tree)
Tells of "the old familiar juice";
so I am
Going to write a verse or two—
or three—
Upon a subject never sung by Omar,
And far above the attic dreams of Homer.

My subject is a liquid, volatile.
Shall I describe it as a Wine on Wings?
A magic draught from some enchanted isle;
A spirit eld in airy vapourings
That from solidity escapes
awhile?
I might embody it as all these things.
But fancy metaphors aside I let roll,
And call it by its proper name—that's petrol.

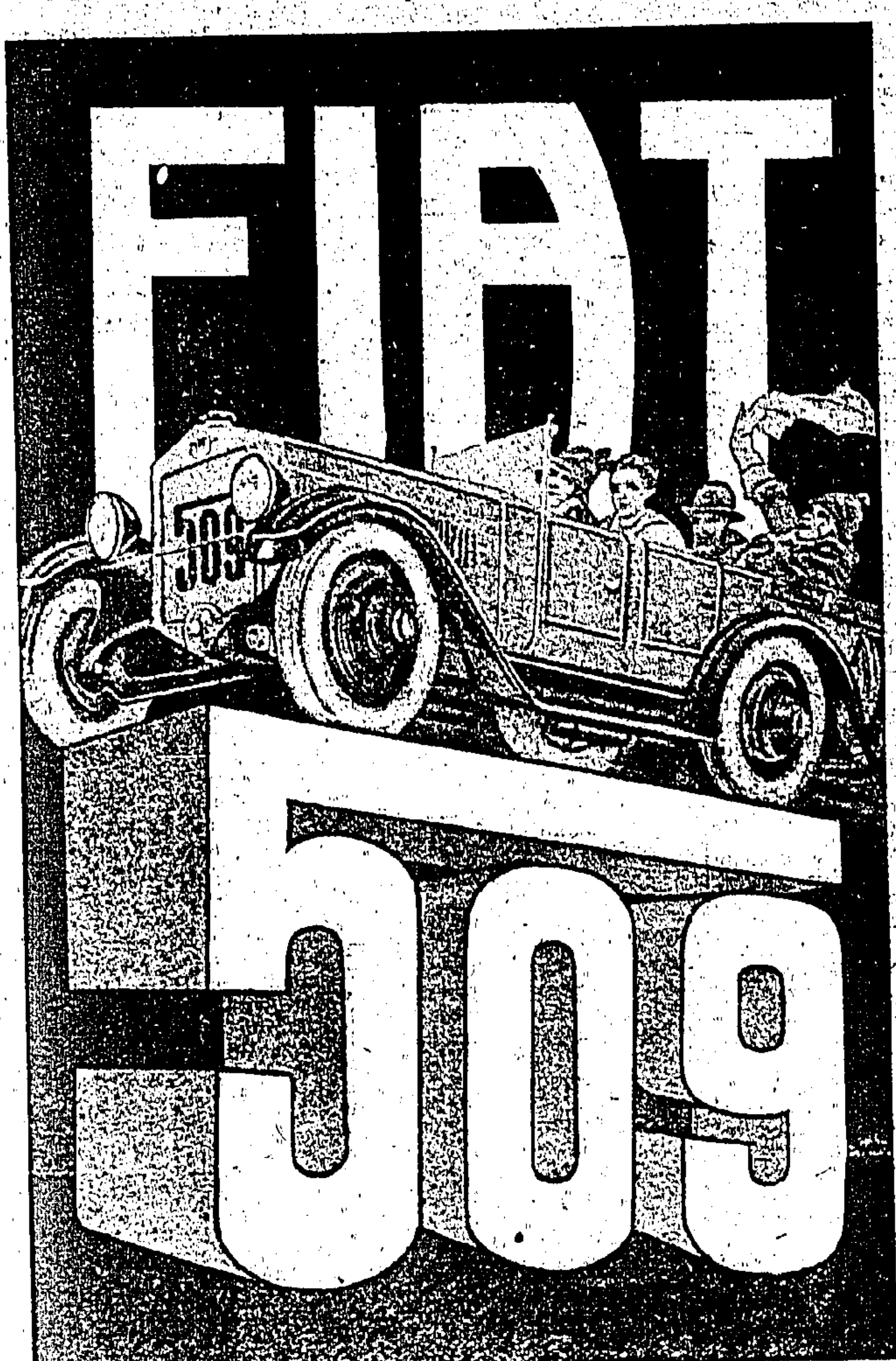
The Picts and Scots "wee drappies" also brewed.
We also find, if Dickens we dip in,
That hackney coachmen thrived and drove on gin.
Then Mr. Bumble used to dope small boys on
Brimstone and treacle. While in ancient Florence
The gay Medici's had their "special poison"
(A liquid guests regarded with abhorrence).
The noble Red Man found his simple joys on
Plain water from the river of St. Lawrence.
Each age thus had its tonic, as I say;
And every liquid has (like dogs) its day.

To-day we don't indulge, as our three-bottle
Ancestors did (their tap I won't disparage).
We don't put pints of claret down our throats
Until we see pink frogs. Our horseless carriage
Is now the toper. When we ask it, "What'll
It have to drink before it leaves its garage,
The car replies, "I don't mind if I do
Just have a tankful—seeing it's with you!"

Nunc est bibendum. (That I quote from Horace).
I call upon you all to fill your tanks
With petrol to the brim. Ye motor-lorries,
And ye (I want a rhyme for lorries—thanks!)
And ye, ah! yes, ye motoreers of Morris!
Ye omnib! Ye taxis from the ranks!
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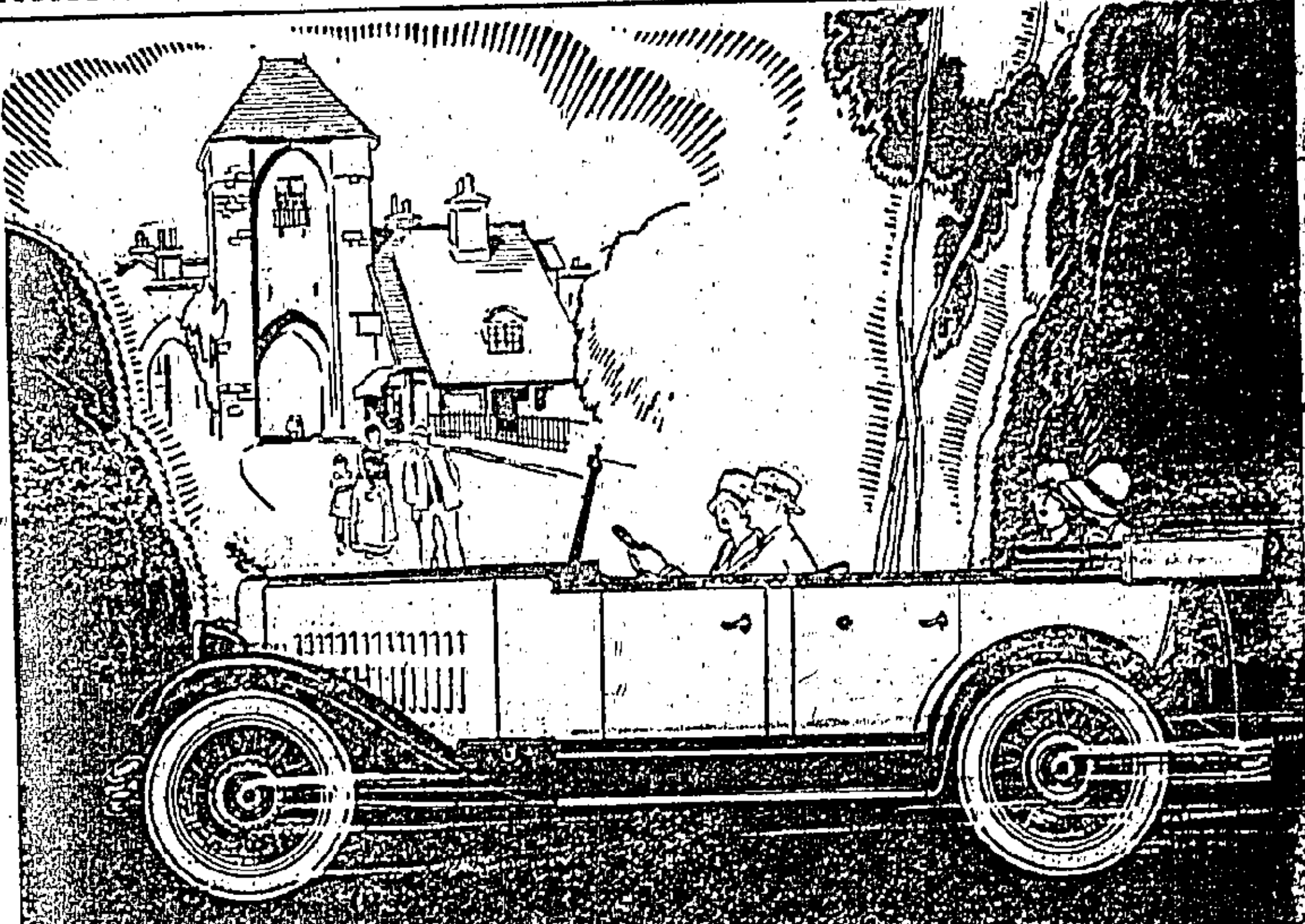


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[Special Report to the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Multi Cylinder and De Luxe Cars.

After concluding his examination of the lighter vehicles described in the first part of this report, the writer turned to his Show catalogue for guidance and was much intrigued when, by chance, he came across a reference to an exhibit in the Coachbuilders' Section stated to be a body "seating five persons, painted blue and trimmed to match." His visions of early British infantry in full war paint were, however, disappointed when he found that the exhibit in question was a quite satisfactory but rather ordinary five-seater blue body. However, his wanderings through this section were by no means wasted time; in point of fact very strong interest is attached to the exhibits of body-work at this year's show. The fabric body was tremendously in evidence on chassis of all classes, while a very high proportion of the numerous excellent coachbuilt bodies were beautifully finished in cellulose. To take just one example, of such a body, quite reasonably priced, a Kimberley saloon on the stand of the Grover-Carriage Co., a subsidiary of Messrs. Shaw and Kilburn, caught the eye. This was a five-seater, cellulose painted in cream with brown top panels and upholstered in antique brown leather. The fittings included Rawlings' frameless window regulators and a private lock for one front door, with an inside locking device to the remaining doors.

On the stand of Messrs. Hooper and Co. (Coachbuilders) was one of the most beautiful exhibits in the Show. This was a Hooper Sedanette Cabriolet, mounted on a 40/50 h.p. "New Phantom" Rolls

Royce chassis. This chassis, by the way, was not unnaturally chosen as a basis for the display of many of the finest bodies exhibited. The particular one under review had four doors all hung on rear pillars, all the glasses being arranged to drop and being fitted with window winders, the Hooper patent signalling window being fitted in the off-side front door. The windscreen at the top was arranged to swing outwards and divide vertically, and the lower portion was arranged to slide upwards vertically to afford scuttle ventilation. Sheffield Simplex dipping headlights were fitted and the vehicle was glazed throughout with Triplex Safety Glass, from which it will be seen that coachbuilders are by no means unmindful of the principle of "Safety First."

The use of dipping headlights is distinctly on the increase, but up to the present time these have been more or less beyond the means of very many motorists. The comparatively poor man now has at his disposal what may fairly be called an equivalent, available at a nominal figure. This device has been brought out by Messrs. Joseph Lucas and enables the light to be dipped without the lamps. This result is secured by dipping the reflectors by means of a simple pneumatic device; meanwhile the lamp casings do not move and there is no movement of the lamp brackets. The movement of the deflectors is such that the beam of light is slightly deflected to the left at the same time as it is dipped and thus the risk of dazzling approaching traffic is reduced to the minimum.

Another new fitting making for

increasing safety is the Dual Windscreen Wiper introduced by Messrs. S. Smith and Sons. In this an auxiliary blade is coupled direct to the existing wiper and two large areas of the screen are kept clear; the result is to enlarge the driver's field of view and also to relieve the nerves of the accompanying passenger, who often finds it very difficult to feel complete confidence in the ability of the driver to see his way, when his own view is totally obscured.

Just one more point in connection with body equipment may be added; this is the prevalent tendency to place the accumulator on the running board. As "The Autocar" quite correctly remarks, accumulators are now produced that are mechanically much stronger than those of a few years ago. To make them as dependable as all other parts of the car it only remains to fill them up periodically, and this the driver is apt to forget to do unless they are placed in an easily accessible and visible position. This calls for good finish and appearance, features which one noticed has been well borne in mind in the exhibits of the All British Tungs shown in capacities ranging from 40 to 180 ampere hours.

Good appearance on the running board, coupled with other striking features can be fairly claimed for the comparatively new "All Moulded" batteries built by Messrs. C. A. Vandervell. The particular feature of this battery is the moulded container which, by reason of its acid resisting qualities, eliminates all trouble with leaking jars and acid-soaked crates, and also ensures greater mechanical strength. Since its inception, the popularity of this type with the trade and particularly with the motoring public has been out standing.

Six Cylinder Cars.

Now, to return to the car exhibits, the new 6-cylinder Morris is rated at 17.7 h.p. and the home price of the chassis is £255.10.0. Its influence on the lighter class of 6-cylinder car is likely to be just as strong as that which the 4-cylinder Morris cars have already exerted in their own sphere. It may be regarded as completing the Morris range, which starts with the 11.9 h.p. Morris Cowley and, as far as 4-cylinder cars are concerned, terminates with the 15.9 "Road-or-Track" model, specially built to stand up to years of rough work and to comply with world-wide requirements.

The new comer in the range of A.C. (Acceles) cars is a 1,500 c.c. 6-cylinder model, designed for those who are satisfied with a speed capacity up to 50 m.p.h. and want a comfortable car which is inexpensive to run. The chassis is similar to that of the more powerful and speedy 2,000 c.c. model. This firm also exhibited a 16-66 h.p. special chassis having a freewheel device of the jamb roller type. This is fitted at the back of the clutch plate and is controlled by a small lever placed centrally.

The 18/36 h.p. 6-cylinder Standard, with 3-speed gearbox is now accompanied by what may be described as 18/42 h.p. and differing from the earlier type primarily in the incorporation of a four-speed gearbox. The 18/36 h.p. model has been improved considerably in minor details and three new designs in bodywork have been evolved in connection with it. One of these is a five-seater with an easily manipulated one-man hood and six rigid side screens. The second, though described as a two-seater, will, in fact, accommodate three adults abreast; while the third is a fabric saloon of extremely pleasing design, with four wide doors and luxurious seating.

No great changes have been found necessary in the Singer Six since its introduction last year. Of the detailed improvements incorporated the most important is the abandonment of the twin carburettors in favour of a single carburettor with a new type of inlet pipe and a central hot spot. Important also from the standpoint of overseas motorists is the adoption of a 4ft. 8ins. wheel track.

A very interesting 6-cylinder car now exhibited for the first time at Olympia, though already well known on the British market, is the Brookbank. This has been designed essentially as a high class owner driver's car in which accessibility has been studied throughout, and everything possible has been done to eliminate the work of maintenance. The system of lubrication has been given every special attention. A very large proportion of road failures nowadays are due to faulty engine lubrication, and more often than not occur because the driver has made a mistake as to the amount of oil in his engine sump. On the Brookbank this error is now impossible. The car has a 6-cylinder two litre engine with overhead valves, three-speed gearbox, spiral bevel final drive and hydraulically operated four-wheel brakes.

The Rover programme for 1928 includes a new two-litre 6-cylinder model that has been exhaustively tested for twelve months. Rated at 16.7 h.p. the engine capacity is 2023 c.c. The engine has overhead valves operated by long push rods from a camshaft located in the crankcase and driven by silent chain. All engine parts, including the overhead valve gear, are lubricated by pressure and the clutch and gearbox are also supplied with lubricant from the engine sump. The engine is carried on the chassis at three points, of which the two rear points consist of stiff laminated springs. In addition a vibration damper is fitted at the front end of the crankshaft; thus vibration is practically eliminated and very sweet running is secured. The clutch is of the cork-insert pattern having three separate cork plates and running in oil. The gearbox gives three speeds, and transmission is through an enclosed propeller shaft and spiral bevel gear. The wheel track is 4ft. 8 ins. which fact, coupled with the moderate price at which the model is marketed, should help to ensure its popularity Overseas.

There are no material changes in the lower powered Sunbeam models, rated respectively at 16 and 20 h.p., and both having 6-cylinder engines. On the 25 h.p. Sunbeam, an example of which has recently been purchased by H.R.H. Prince Henry—his third Sunbeam car—Dewandre vacuum servo brakes are now fitted. The 6-cylinder range of Sunbeams is completed by the Three Litre model, first introduced in 1924 and the record of which, as a standard super-sports car, is unexcelled. The examples of this car shown finished in ivory and brown were among the most attractive exhibits at the Show.

The Star range is increased by a new 6-cylinder model marketed at home as a complete five-seater at the price of £450, which must be admitted to be extremely moderate when one takes into account the beautifully balanced engine, the seven-bearing crankshaft and the fine design and finish of the chassis as a whole. The cylinder barrels are made of chilled iron of such hardness that a complete cylinder block cannot be made of this material. The iron is centrifugally cast and exactly machined all over so that expansion due to heat may be absolutely regular at all points in contact with the pistons. The pistons are of aluminium alloy and the combination disposes of the common trouble of piston "slap" and piston wear. The car is capable of a road speed of 65 to 70 m.p.h., has a 4ft. 8ins. track and a ground clearance of 9 inches. Those features, coupled with exceptionally long rear springs, four-speed gearbox and oversize tyres should make the model just as popular Overseas as it bids fair to become at home.

The 16/45 h.p. 6-cylinder Wolseley was one of the sensations of last year's Show. Since then little change has been made in the design of this chassis but, as it well known, important changes have taken place in the control of the firm which builds it; these being such as to ensure the permanent satisfaction of owners of, and traders in, this make. The Wolseley Six was shown with various types of body, an attractive exhibit being a saloon of very smart lines, finished in cellulose and marketed at home at £495.

In the Austin range, there are two comparatively new 6-cylinder models of which one, rated at 20 h.p., was shown at Olympia. Amongst other features this car has a four-speed gearbox and a 4ft. 8ins. wheel track. The very latest addition to the Austin range is, however, the 6-cylinder 16 h.p. model. This has a wheel track of 4ft. 8ins., and ground clearance of 8 1/2 ins. The engine capacity detachable cylinder head with the valves all on the left-hand side and a crankshaft carried on eight bearings. Transmission is through a single plate clutch and four-speed gearbox with central lever and thence through helical bevel gear mounted on roller bearings to a rear axle of the three-quarter floating type.

In the Armstrong Siddeley exhibit, great interest naturally centred round the new 15 h.p. 6-cylinder model. This is a really serviceable looking car with standard wheel track, ample ground clearance and a thoroughly roomy and comfortable body. The engine has side valves, which the makers prefer in view of the comparatively small size of the cylinders. It is supported at four points by the side members of the frame, and the accessibility of the various units is noticeable at a glance. The chassis, like all the others in the Armstrong-Siddeley range, has a central lubrication system which should appeal very strongly to the owner driver.

The immediate result of the combination of the Aster with the Arrol-Johnston interests is the production of two 6-cylinder models on Arrol-Aster, in addition to a 4-cylinder Arrol-Johnston. The smaller of the 6-cylinder models is rated at 17/60 p.h.; while the larger model is rated at 24/70 h.p. Both are fitted with sleeve

valve engines. Considering the complete car, a type which will probably be as popular as any, is the 17/60 Arrol-Aster fabric saloon. This is a very beautifully finished production and at a home price of £535, represents a definite attempt to give the average owner-driver a really de luxe car in which the work of maintenance is so far reduced that he can keep it easily in good running order.

A certain number of refinements have been added to the 20/65 h.p. 6-cylinder Hunter. The magneto is provided with an automatic advance, coupling giving automatic control over the full range of engine speeds; a single plate clutch is fitted and an improved system of braking is incorporated. The Dewandre Vacuum servo motor has been adopted. The other changes are matters of small detail making for still further comfort and convenience for the driver.

The 6 1/2 litre 6-cylinder Bentley made its first appearance at the 1926 Show and the latest addition to the Bentley range consists of a 4 1/2 litre 4-cylinder car. This is on the lines of the three litre model, but is designed to give increased flexibility and better acceleration and to attain a speed of not less than 90 m.p.h. The engine has four overhead valves to each cylinder and is provided with two magnetos and dual carburettors. The 6 1/2 litre 6-cylinder Bentley now has battery and coil ignition in addition to the magneto, primarily for the purpose of facilitating starting and slow running on top gear.

A few very trifling alterations have been made in the Rolls Royce "New Phantom" chassis. Thus, for example, a reserve compartment is provided in the petrol tank which has an improved filler; hydraulic shockdampers are fitted fore and aft and balloon tyres are standardised. A great number of Rolls Royce chassis were to be found not only on their maker's stand, but distributed throughout the Coachbuilders' Section of the Show, where they were selected to form the basis on which exhibitors displayed the very finest bodies they were capable of producing. A few very trifling alterations have also been incorporated in the 20 h.p. Rolls Royce.

Eight-Cylinder Cars.

The number of British representatives of the 8-cylinder car is this year increased by the production of the 21/60 h.p. 8-cylinder Wolseley. The "Straight Eight" engine is the logical development of that of the Wolseley Six, its production aiming at higher touring speeds without sacrifice of the silence and smoothness of its prototype. It drives through a single plate fabric lined clutch and four-speed gearbox mounted on the rear end of the engine, the whole unit being flexibly suspended at three points to eliminate vibration. The track is 4ft. 8 ins., and the springs front and rear are fitted with shock absorbers.

The Sunbeam exhibit included one example of the 35 h.p. 8-cylinder Sunbeam under a handsome enclosed landauletta body. Features are the four-speed gearbox with right hand change, multiple plate clutch and powerful servo-operated internal expanding brakes. The other Sunbeam 8-cylinder model is very similar in general arrangement but is rated at 30 h.p. In conclusion it may be stated that the Olympia Show which has just closed its doors has been productive of excellent business, the great majority of exhibitors being thoroughly well satisfied as to their prospects for the early future; and it is hardly necessary to say also as to the organisation of the exhibition and the renewed proof that it has afforded of the intense interest that it arouses among the British public and the great and growing appeal that it exerts on those who represent the motor trade and motor users Overseas.

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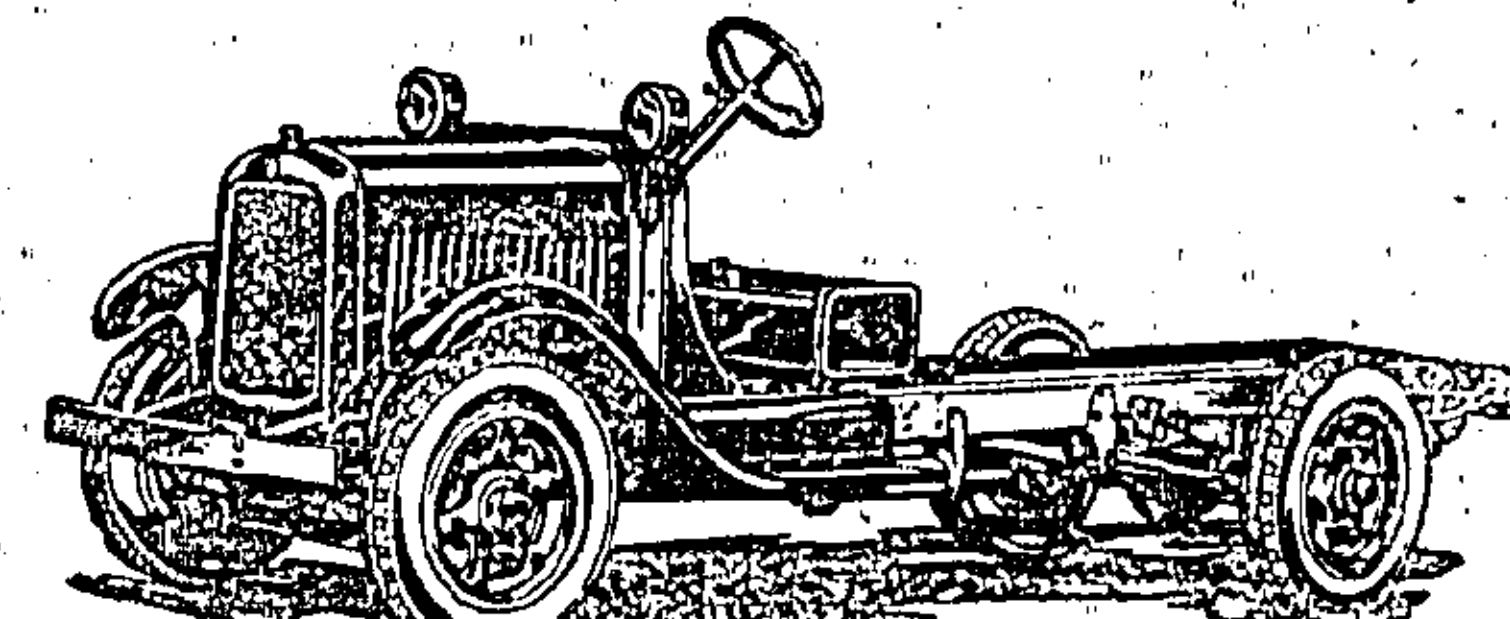
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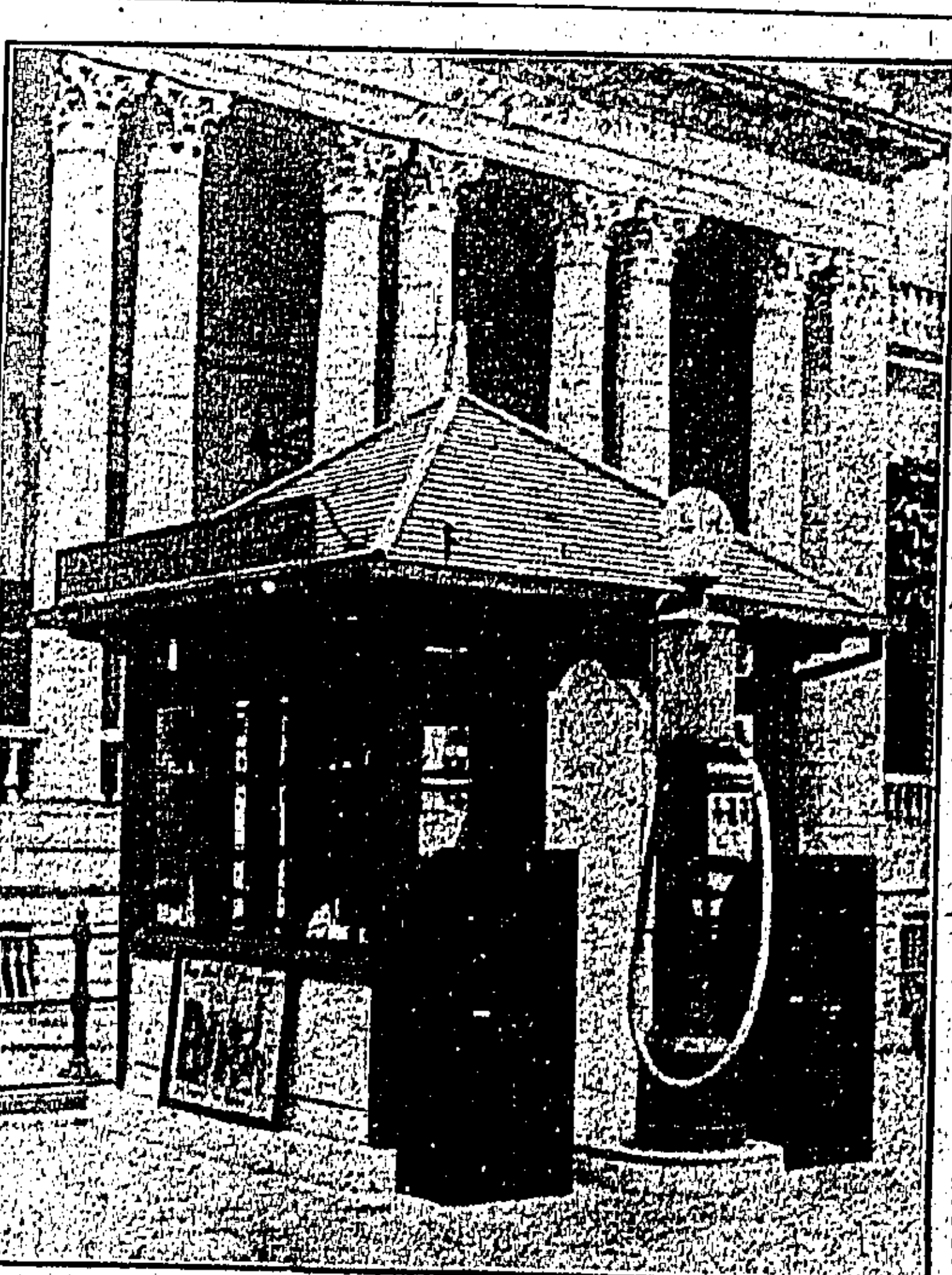
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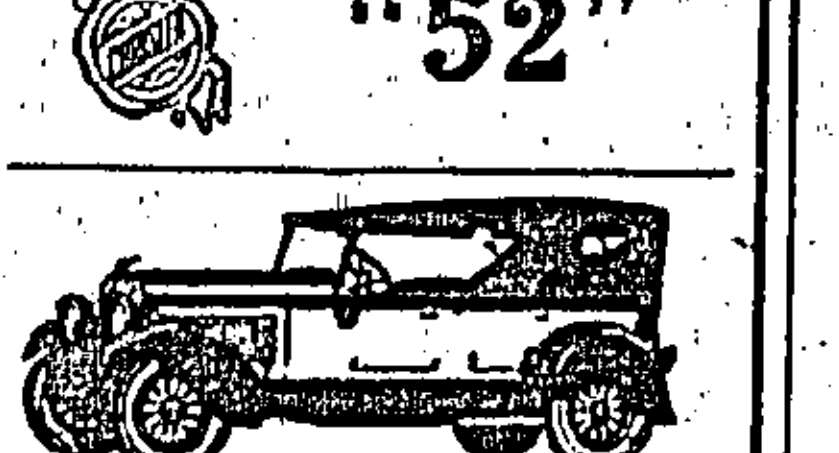


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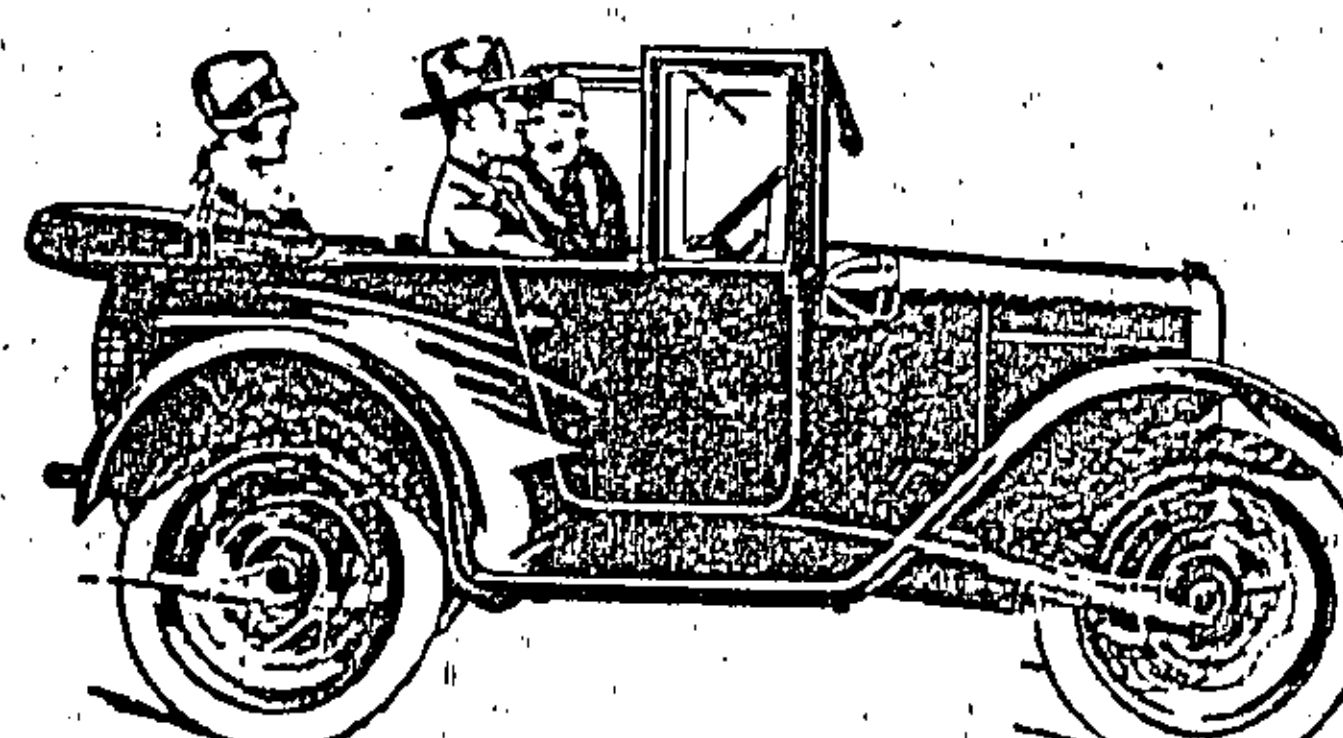
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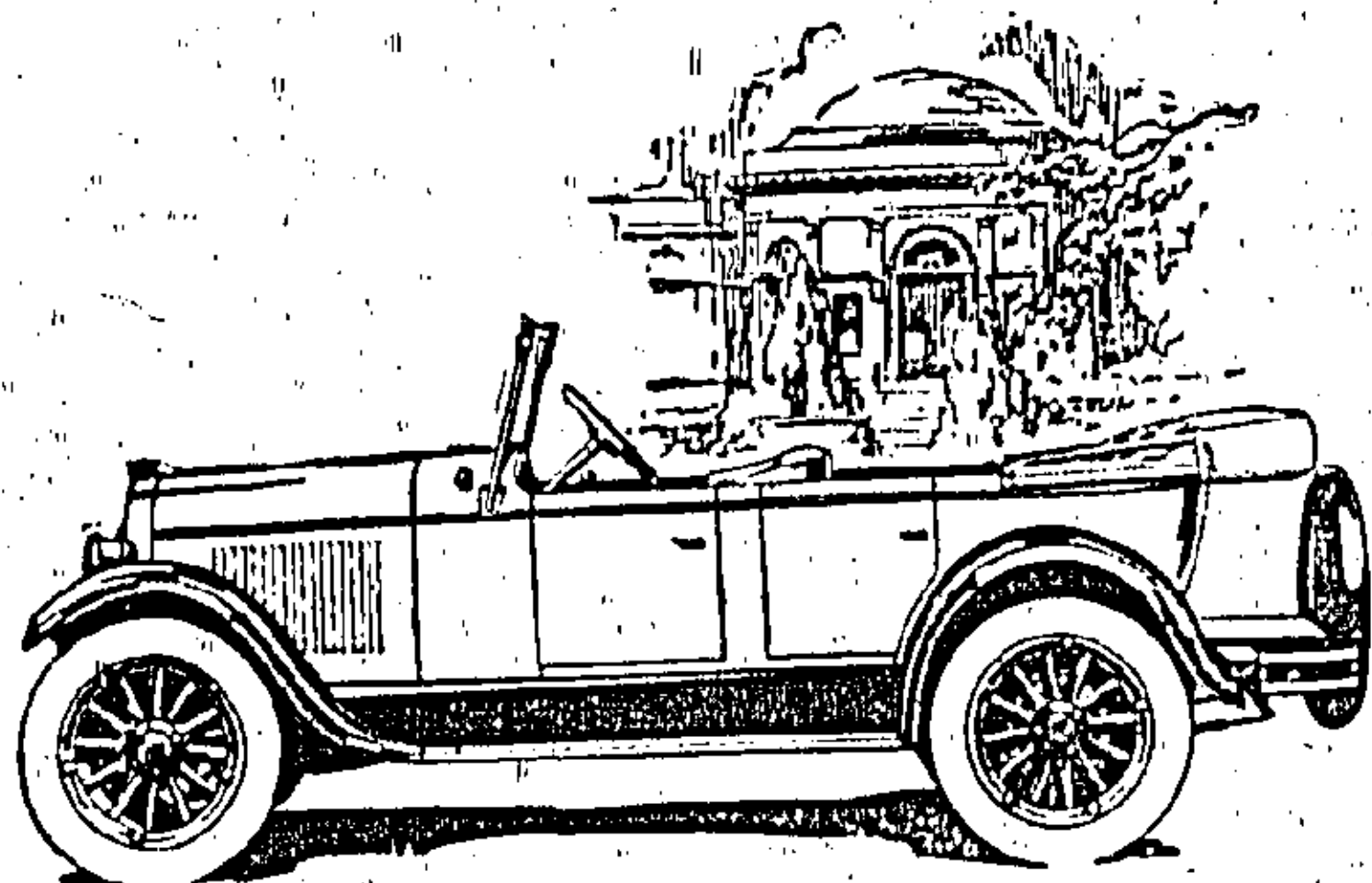
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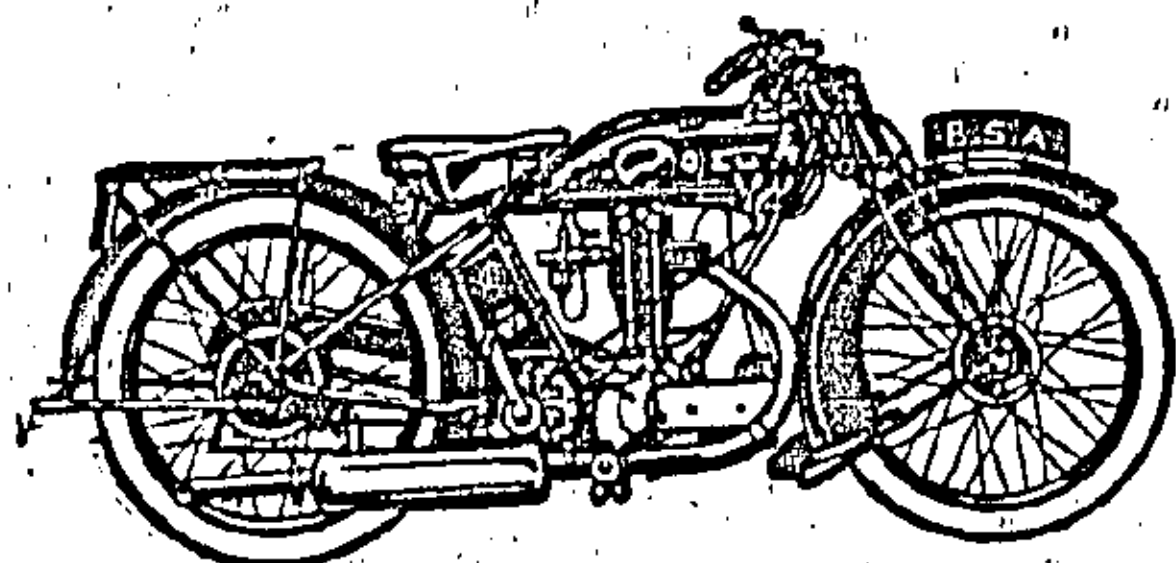
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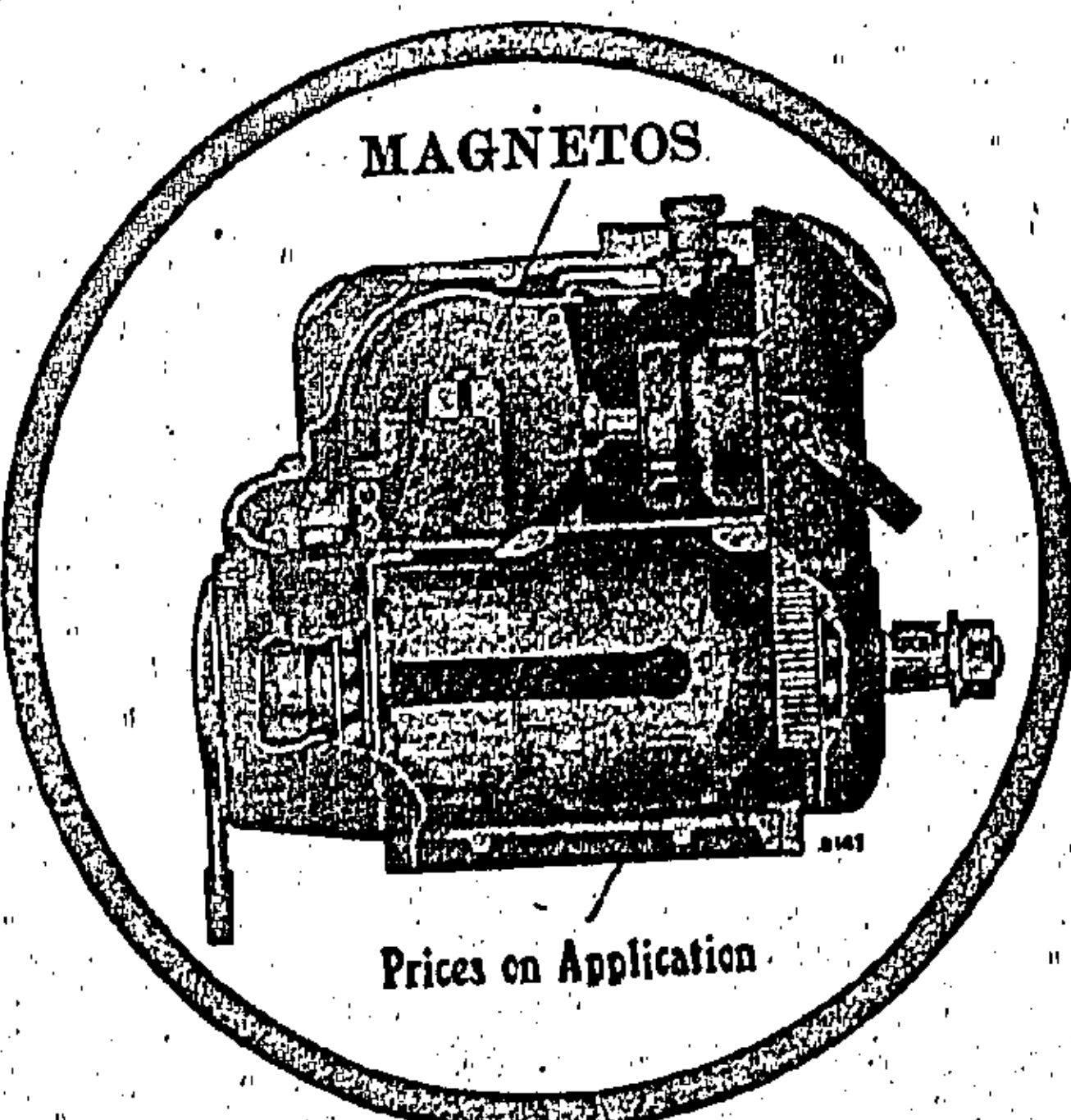
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A convertible coupe, marked for shipment to Serbia, has the body painted in a rich old ivory with a thin black stripe running the full length of the moulding. Fenders, splashers, other parts of the running gear and the upper part of the body above the belt lines are in a glossy black. The same car for India is brilliant in two shades of light blue and a crimson striping.

A sedan limousine, marked for shipment to New York, is a soft Westminister Gray and black. However, beside it, also bearing a New York order is a runabout ablaze with shiny nickel and instantly challenging attention with its two tones of light gray, black and crimson striping. crimson wheels and leather upholstery in the same shade. It is observed that generally cars of the sporting type are of brilliant colouring, and that there is a steady progression toward conservatism up to the most formal type of cars, the sedan limousines and the town cars.

Colours for cities in the South and in California are warmer than those of the northern cities. California and Florida both run to light yellow, white, light greens, very light browns and delicate shades of blue. It would be thought, possibly, that Pittsburgh and its proverbial smoke would demand dark grays and blacks but a coupe with two delicate tones of light gray for the body, scarlet striping and scarlet wheels with a Pittsburgh shipping tag, indicates clearly the trend for bright colours there. Chicago, too, leans to brighter colours as a club sedan with two light shades of green and wood wheels in natural finish attests.

A five passenger phaeton for Switzerland is a conservative black all over with a touch of colour in red striping but brilliancy is demanded by Spain. Most challenging to the eye, possibly in all of the great numbers of colours, shades and combinations of both, is a roadster scheduled for California. Its paint specifications show it has two shades of light brown, Sandpiper and Nightingale brown with striping in wren yellow.

Unusual is the fact that with all that has been said of motor car colour styles in the last two years, the predominating colour in the final assembly line at the Packard factory is the rich and conservative Packard blue, a colour developed by Packard years ago. It is much the shade of Navy blue and now is used with either a narrow gold double stripe or an azure blue double stripe, the upper part of the body and the chassis parts being black with the wheels blue and the same striping used on them as on the body.

TOUR IN SWEDEN.

Motoring in the Arctic Circle.

On behalf of the Royal Automobile Club, Mr. Stenson Cooke, Secretary of the Automobile Association, recently presented a beautiful silver plaque to the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce as a souvenir of her recent motor tour through Sweden, and into the Arctic Circle.

One object of the journey was to study motoring conditions in Sweden from the point of view of the British tourist. The reports which have been rendered to the Automobile Association convey an excellent impression not merely of the roads, hotels and garages, but also of the generous hospitality extended to visitors from Britain. Sweden is a beautiful country and deserves to be better known.

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That all main trunk lines have a minimum width of 40 feet, at least 24 feet of which shall be paved with a hard surfaced material, is the recommendation the New York State Automobile Association has made to the highway department of the state of New York.

PRODUCTION INCREASES.

American Automobile production for August increased 14 per cent. over that of July, or 8 per cent. over August of last year. More than 300,000 motor cars were manufactured in August.



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RECORD OUTPUT.

General Motors Prosperity.

The third fiscal quarter of General Motors Corporation, ended September 30th, established new high earnings and output records for the period. Although final figures are not complete, actual figures for July and August and an estimate for September show that the Corporation already has exceeded the total sales of 1926 by a comfortable margin, the first nine months' shipments this year being estimated to around 1,325,000 cars and trucks, against a total of 1,234,850 units for the entire 1926 year and 835,902 in 1925. For the third quarter, car and truck shipments are estimated at around 440,000 units, against 360,234 in the third quarter of last year, again of between 20 and 25 per cent., notwithstanding that last year's third quarter was a record for the period.

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BRITISH TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

CAN A SETTLEMENT BE
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SOME TRADER'S VIEWS.

The great benefits to be derived by trade from a full commercial and financial settlement with Russia are emphasised in an interview with a representative of the Observer by Mr. Arthur G. Marshall, managing director of Becons Traders, Ltd., a company formed before the war for the purpose of carrying on trade with Russia on behalf of a large group of engineering works. Mr. Marshall has just returned from a visit to Moscow in the interests of his firm, and is convinced that Russia is ready to take the first step if she is assured of Great Britain's willingness to encourage commercial relations. During his visit he had an opportunity both of investigating the trade position and of discussing matters quite frankly and freely with various Government officials and heads of commercial departments.

"On my arrival in Moscow I found it was absolutely impossible," he said, "to do any business. Instructions had been given that no orders were to be placed with Great Britain. These instructions looked like an anti-British boycott, but on my asking the direct question whether such a boycott was actually in existence, I was answered definitely in the negative, and the situation was explained to me in the following way.

"The Soviet Government, it was stated, were extremely afraid that it was the intention of the British Government to terminate all trade relations by gradually making it impossible for Russia to maintain any trade organisation in Great Britain. I pointed out that to my knowledge, as a result of conversations with British Government officials, this was not the case. As I found the position to be the same in all departments I decided to see the head officials of the Government; and, as a result of full discussion and explanation of the situation, I found there was a distinct tendency to agree to an amelioration of the situation pending evidence that my explanation of the attitude of the British Government was correct, in which case there was promised a reversal of the position, and probably a large development in trade relationships would result.

"Questions to be Cleared Up.

"There are, however, many questions which have to be cleared up of a commercial and financial nature with Russia before business relations can be established on a normal footing. Russia at the present time is forced to purchase on terms of long credit, and she has to pay a high price for such credits. She is also forced to confine her purchases—her imports into Russia—strictly within the confines of her exports. In other words, she must maintain a favourable trade balance.

"Were financial and trade conditions normal she would be able to raise loans abroad, and in this way not only make good any temporary out-of-balance in her trade relations, but also obtain her credits on much cheaper terms.

"The great difficulty that stands in the way of achieving this end is the fact that no agreement has yet been arrived at for the liquidation of her old indebtedness, payment of compensation, and so on. To all traders the settlement of this question is of the utmost importance, and I therefore discussed this matter in particular when in Moscow. I found that the Soviet Government were looking at this question from a strictly economic point of view, and were persuaded that it would be to their best interests financially to come to an agreement which would meet with the approval of their creditors. On the other hand, owing to their impression that the British Government were not anxious any longer to encourage trade relations, they hesitated to make any definite offers.

Trade Since 1920.

"I am quite convinced that if Russia is assured of a favourable reception of any advances made by her she would not be long in taking the first step. This being so, it is of interest to make a comparison between the present position and that existing before the breach from a strictly commercial point of view.

"Anglo-Russian trade recommenced with this country in 1920, and under the trade agreement rapidly increased in volume. During the years 1920 to 1926 there was a total turnover of nearly £169,000,000, of which ex-

CRIME AND THE OLD BAILEY.

MR. BASIL DEAN'S NEW
PLAY.

AUTHOR EXPLAINS.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the news that Mr. Basil Dean is writing a play, to be called "The Old Bailey"—the whole action passing within the precincts of the Central Criminal Court. In an interview with a representative of the Observer, Mr. Dean said: A statement has crept into the Press that the plot of the piece will be the story of the Thompson-Buywaters case. Now this is emphatically not so. I should have thought it obvious that no artist would be content to clip out his plot from a newspaper.

"However, I will state why the idea of doing so never occurred to me. In the first place, to put on the stage the actual figures of a man and a woman, who committed a crime and suffered for it seems to me a monstrous insult to the dead and a wanton outrage on the feelings of surviving relatives.

"Secondly, it would rule out all power of invention and imagination. Let the artist be as clumsy as you will, his aim always is to make palpable the creatures of his brain, and then to let their actions lead them to what, he hopes, is the inevitable denouement.

"As a corollary, the dramatist is not directly interested in camera snap-shots of life. Of course, it will be possible for play-goers to point to this and that incident of my play and to say that it reminds them of one, or other of the crimes which have been brought to light during the past few years. That is inevitable, since the artist does draw his inspiration from life, and, moreover, all crimes of passion are very much alike.

Not "Sensational."

"But, in fact, I am not writing a 'Crimeplay' at all. It is not true, even, that I want in any way to construct a sensational plot. I am attempting to present a serious social study of Criminal Procedure. In a play of that genre it is the business of the dramatist to develop a story, and leave the audience to draw its own conclusions.

"This is how I came to make the venture. In preparing the ground for the play ('Come with me') which Miss Margaret Kennedy and I are writing in collaboration, I found it necessary to visit the Old Bailey, since the plot of that piece has some reference to court procedure. And I was immensely struck what I saw there. I felt that here was an aspect of social life, which had often been exploited, more or less frivolously, as an item in the plot, but, so far as I knew, had never been treated seriously as a theme for drama.

"Finally, I have been assailed for occupying myself with such a sordid topic. Is there not some ground for the opinion that all great tragedy is based on crime, and that it is only the high motives of the protagonists which lifts the drama above the brutal fact? Browning, you may remember, made a great poem out of what might have been at second-best an ingenious detective story, and at worst a common police report. Not subject, but treatment defines the quality of a work of art.

"Yet, after all, if you will allow me to enter a caveat against myself, it is not quite true that all tragedy is based upon crime. As far as it is true it relates to the ages during which we have believed that man has free will, and that in himself is the Fate which dogs him. But among the Greeks tragedy was viewed as the unavailing struggles of humanity against the intervention of the high gods. In the temporary absence of the high gods I shall do my best with The Law."

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THE DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION.

COMMITTEE CONCLUDES ITS PROGRAMME.

GERMANY'S ASSURANCE.

Geneva, Dec. 2.
The Security Committee has concluded its work.

The most noteworthy pronouncement was that of Count Bernstorff, giving an assurance of Germany's readiness to co-operate in disarmament, while hinting at a desire for a revision of the Treaty of Versailles.

The next session will probably be held on February 20. The programme of work adopted by the Committee includes consideration of measures to promote machinery of the League with a view to enabling the members to perform their obligations under the Covenant, and also a study of a scheme for financial assistance to States which are threatened with aggression.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Denies Soviet.

New York, Dec. 2.
There is no sympathy in the United States for M. Litvinoff's absolute disarmament plan.

The World declares that the proposal reeks with hypocrisy, and for Litvinoff to pretend that the Soviet is run by non-resisting pacifists is a very poor joke.

The *Herald Tribune* says that Litvinoff is the spirit of malicious inconsequence in the playbox of Moscow's unrealistic world.

The *New York Times* says that the Soviet does not propose to abolish all military power. If it did, how could it send out tax-collectors to shoot down the rebellious peasants, without guns?—*Reuter's American Service*.

British Delegate Satisfied.

London, Dec. 2.
Speaking on the work of the Security Commission, which adjourned this morning to assemble very probably on February 20 next, Lord Cusendun stated that he was perfectly satisfied with the questions which had been referred to the bureau of the commission in order that a set of resolutions for the next meeting be drafted. He added, "We have now really outlined the basis of discussion."—*British Wireless*.

THE BLUE NILE WATERS.

U.S. PLAN FOR A GREAT DAM.

New York, Nov. 3.
According to the *New York Times*, negotiations have been practically concluded between the Abyssinian Government and the J. G. White Engineering Corporation of New York to build a dam costing \$4,000,000 across the Blue Nile where it emerges from Lake Tana.

The dam will hold back the floods which periodically lay waste parts of Abyssinia, and will irrigate and enrich the Sudan. It will also make it possible to control the Blue Nile and furnish irrigation for the British possessions through which the river flows.

Mr. White intends to build the dam with his own money and to sell the water to the British for irrigation purposes.

In interviews with *Reuter's* correspondent to-day the details were confirmed by Mr. White, the vice-president of the corporation, and Mr. Yuttner, the American agent for Dr. Wagnah Martin, the special envoy sent to America by the Abyssinian Government who has just returned to Africa. Dr. Martin was sent here as fully accredited agent of the Prince Regent Ras Tafari Makonnen.

According to Dr. Yuttner, Dr. Martin acted with the full knowledge of the American Government and had several talks with President Coolidge and Mr. Kellogg.

Asked whether the British Government had been advised of the negotiations, Dr. Yuttner replied that so far as he knew it had not. He understood that the Abyssinian Government considered it was at liberty to award such contracts wherever it wished.

No confirmation has been received by the British Government of the above report, and it is believed in well-informed circles that under the terms of the treaty between Great Britain and Abyssinia no such agreement could be made. The question of the construction of a dam has been under discussion between the British and Abyssinian Government for some time.

HONGKONG PRISON LAW.

LOCAL ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED.

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, which is shortly to be introduced.

The Objects and Reasons state: It has been the practice for many years to transfer to the Government Civil Hospital prisoners who, in the opinion of the medical officer of the prison in which such prisoners are confined, cannot properly be treated in the prison hospital. There is now a special ward, Ward Thirteen, in the Government Civil Hospital, which is self-contained and is arranged as a prison. This ward has, however, not been set apart as a prison under the Prisons Ordinance, 1899. Recently, therefore, it was proposed to make an order setting his ward apart as a prison, but doubts were raised as to whether the power conferred on the Governor by section 2 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, included a power to set apart a portion of a building, because the wording of paragraph (1) of that section is, "to set apart any available sites and buildings." Accordingly, paragraph (a) of section 2 of this Ordinance repeals the words "any available sites and buildings" and substitutes the words "any place or building or portion of a building." "Ward Thirteen."

"Ward Thirteen."

Under the practice referred to above it has been usual to obtain the sanction of the Governor for each removal of a prisoner to the Government Civil Hospital. This is unsatisfactory in two respects. In the first place, it doubt may be expressed as to whether the Governor has power to order a prisoner to be removed from a prison to a place which is not a prison. That particular point will be met when Ward Thirteen is set apart as a prison under the present Ordinance. In the second place, it seems unnecessary that the Governor should have to make a special order in each case in a matter which may quite properly be placed in the discretion of the Superintendent of Prisons. Again, it has hitherto been the practice for prisoners to be transferred from Victoria Goal to Lai Chi Kok Prison, and vice versa, under the authority of the Superintendent of Prisons. Here again a doubt may be expressed as to the power of the Superintendent to order such transfers. Accordingly, a new section 4 which is inserted in the principal Ordinance by section 3 of this Ordinance will give the Superintendent of Prisons clear power to order transfers of both the above classes. That amendment will make paragraph (3) of section 2 of the principal Ordinance unnecessary. The paragraph in question gives the Governor power to make orders to remove prisoners from one prison to another. That paragraph is therefore now repealed by paragraph (b) of section 2 of this Ordinance.

Superintendent's Powers.

Section 3 of this Ordinance inserts a new section 4 in the principal Ordinance. The main effect of the new section is to give the Superintendent of Prisons powers to make the transfers referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above. This subject is dealt with in sub-sections (2) and (3). Sub-section (4) provides that prisoners of unsound mind shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed by the Asylums Ordinance, 1906. Strictly speaking this sub-section is unnecessary, but it was considered that it would be convenient to direct attention by means of it to the relevant provisions of the Asylums Ordinance. Sub-section (1) of the new section 4 introduces a provision taken from section 17 of the Criminal Administration Act, 1914, to the effect that a prisoner may be lawfully confined in any prison to which the Ordinance applies. It may be added that sub-sections (2) and (3) of the new section 4 are also based on section 17 of the same Act. The powers there given are in England vested in the Secretary of State for the Home Department, but it is considered that they may be properly given to the Superintendent of Prisons in Hongkong.

Prohibited Articles.

Sections 12 and 13 of the principal Ordinance overlap, and for no apparent reason the maximum penalties under the two sections are not the same. The discrepancy is made more serious by an unusual provision that section 13 shall not apply in any case where the offender is liable to a more severe punishment under any other provision of the Ordinance. The maximum penalty under section 12 is more severe than that under section 13. A conviction under section 13 might therefore be quashed on this ground, and yet it might not be clear in any particular case which of the two sections should apply. Accordingly these two sections are repealed by this Ordinance. Section 4 of this Ordinance repeals section 12 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section dealing with the whole subject of the introduction of prohibited articles into prisons. Section 5 of this Ordinance repeals section 13 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section which deals with improper supply or use of prohibited articles within any prison.

LITHUANIA AGAIN PEEVED.

ALLEGATIONS OF PLOT BY REVOLUTIONISTS.

ANOTHER NOTE TO LEAGUE.

London, Dec. 2.
Another long Note has been addressed to the Secretary of the League of Nations by M. Valdemaras, the Premier of Lithuania, alleging that more revolutionary plots against the Government of Lithuania are being hatched in Poland by Lithuanian political refugees, with the cognizance of Marshal Pilsudski.—*Reuter*.

Polish Accusations.

Warsaw, Dec. 2.
A long statement in connexion with "the state of war" undertaken by Lithuania has been

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

issued by Marshal Pilsudski. It describes the Polo-Lithuanian frontier as a source of alarm and anxiety, where no ordinary work is possible except under arms.

"For years past one brother has been unable to see another, nor a mother from her deathbed address a farewell to her children. The most urgent news arrives a week late."

Pilsudski suggests that Valdemaras is "irresponsible" and has produced "arguments worthy of the madhouse."—*Reuter*.

CANADIAN ARRESTED.

DEPORTATION TO BE SOUGHT.

A man who is versed in five languages and who is stated to have travelled extensively between various parts in the Far East, was taken into custody last night when the *Fushimi Maru* arrived here with him as a passenger. There is much speculation as to his identity, one report stating that he is a Canadian who has been long sought for by the police of two countries on a charge of being implicated in a big conspiracy wherein sums amounting to several hundred thousand dollars are said to be involved.

The name of the man has not been disclosed, but on enquiries at Police Headquarters this morning, confirmation was obtained of the arrest of a European, described to be a Canadian, who will be produced before the Magistrate on a deportation warrant.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending Saturday last, issued by the Principal Civil Officer, contains the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths: Plague, Alexandria (3), Basen (3), Rangoon (5), Colombo 1, Macassar (1), Cholera, Calcutta (106), Madras (1), Rangoon (2), Tuticorin (7), Singapore (2), Batavia (2), Small-pox, Basrah 1 (2), Bombay 4 (1), Calcutta 4 (2), Madras 2 (1), Rangoon 5 (1), Tuticorin 12 (1), Balikpapan (1), Banjarmasin 29 (1), Samarinda (1), Dairen 1, Sourabaya 3.

An application for unemployment benefit by Mr. Norman Shaw, the Clyde Lighthouse keeper, who was dismissed for refusing to take part in wireless tests from Toward Light on Sunday, has been refused on appeal to the Deputy Umpire of the Ministry of Labour. The Court of Referees had previously disallowed the benefit for six weeks and Shaw's case was taken to the Deputy Umpire, whose report appears in the "Ministry of Labour Gazette." The Deputy Umpire states: "The applicant's employers had good reason for asking him to take extra Sunday duty on the occasion in question. He does not profess to have conscientious objection to doing necessary Sunday work, and he had no valid grounds for taking up the attitude he did take."

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The Very Idea!

She had just gone through the long catalogue of her various ailments, and the doctor was secretly cherishing the hope that at last he was about to get rid of her.

At the consulting-room door, however, she remarked, "Why, doctor, you've forgotten to look at my tongue."

"It's quite unnecessary, madam," he replied, "grass doesn't grow on a rucaceous!"

Deafness has led to the discovery of a pea in a woman's ear, which had been there for 33 years, and had been forgotten.

The story is told in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal* by a doctor living at Banbury. In a letter he says:—

A woman, aged 45, complained of deafness. On examination she was found to have wax in both ears. From one ear as well as wax a rounded hard black body was recovered, which had the appearance of a pea. She stated that at the age of 12, when indulging with some other children in the sport of putting peas up her nostrils and in her ears she found she was unable to retrieve one she had placed in her left ear.

She was taken on the following day to a doctor, who discredited the story, but told her father to put warm oil drops into the meatus. From that time until now she had consulted no one about her ears, had not noticed any deafness, and had put the whole incident at the back of her mind.

This story was confirmed and amplified by her father. On more minute examination no doubt existed in my mind (adds the writer) as to the foreign body in question being a pea.

Willesden man: This policeman ran me in because I was running down the police.

Shoreditch debtor: My wife minds my pawntickets.

Solicitor at Shoreditch County Court: Try to keep your wife quiet at home. Man: She is my first wife, and you have to get experienced.

Man at Lambeth: I said to my wife—Barrister: I cannot hear in evidence what you said to your wife. Man: Very well, I said to myself—put it that way.

Woman at Mansfield: This debt was incurred at Coventry. The judge: Then you had better be sent to Coventry.

A "tootling" pedestrian has appeared in the streets of Southampton. Fixed to his walking stick is a small but very noisy motor horn, on which he sounds blasts as a warning to motorists that he is about to cross the road.

The less you eat the better you are.—Dame Henrietta Barnett.

Talk of war with Russia is so much crazy nonsense.—Mr. J. R. Clynes, M.P.

We have known gloomy Deans and festive Deans, but all Deans are begging Deans.—Dr. Lionel Ford.

The secret of happiness in a marriage between two professional people is to have the man's job the biggest.—Mrs. Jack Dempsey (Estelle Taylor).

An applicant for relief appeared before a Parish Council Committee the other evening.

"Are you destitute?" asked the chairman.

"Absolutely so," declared the other.

"Well, you certainly don't look like it."

"Mebbe no," responded the applicant. "Like is never a guid heid mark. I take efter ma father in that matter. When he was confined the joiner said he was the healthiest-lookin' corp ere he saw. But the auld chap was deid a' the same!"

In consequence of convictions against the owners of straying stock being set aside by the Appeal Court of New South Wales, efforts are being made by one Municipal Council, says a Sydney journal, to remove any ambiguity as to the powers of the councils. The clause of the Act has not yet, however, been tested by the Full Court. Meanwhile, facetiously suggests the journal, the councils are being destroyed by wandering cows at night might pass an ordinance making it compulsory for owners to provide their straying stock with tail lights. This, however, is no new idea. As announced by the *Courier* some little time since, the horses of the mounted police, of Bradford, have been provided with tail lights, to help avoid accidents by making their position more discernible on dark country roads, in these days of rapidly moving traffic.

Little Sniffleblister—"Say, Uncle, when are you going to play football again?"

The Rich Uncle—"Why, I don't play football. What makes you ask me that question?"

Little Sniffleblister—"Well, Pop says that when you kick off you are going to get a brand-new motor and a house."

THE PIRACY OF THE SIANG TAN.

CAPTAIN LALOR'S PREVIOUS RECORD.

YANG SEN'S NEW ROLE.

The following official account of the piracy of the s.s. Siang Tan, on the Yangtze—reported yesterday—is given in a British wireless message:

Thirty armed bandits, in six sampans, on Wednesday night attacked the British steamer Siang Tan, when anchored on the Yangtze 16 miles below Ichang.

They killed the second engineer, one quartermaster and one of the comrade staff. The master, Captain Lalor, was taken prisoner.

The commanding Officer of His Majesty's ship *Aphis* has arranged with General Yang Sen that two parties should be sent to attack the bandits. The gunboats *Gnat* and *Bee*, the latter flying the flag of Rear-admiral Tweedie, are proceeding to the scene of the outrage.

The Siang Tan is a vessel of 1,195 tons, and belongs to the China Navigation Company. Captain Lalor, who is now being held to ransom, was in September last year in command of the steamer *Wanlian* when it was seized by Chinese soldiers at Wanhajen. The Chinese then threatened to kill him, but he was rescued by a British naval force, which boarded the vessel in which he was imprisoned and released him in the face of a point-blank fire from the Chinese soldiery. Capt. Lalor has long experience of the intricate navigation of the upper Yangtze. By a curious turn of fortune, General Yang Sen, whose soldiers have now been sent to attack Capt. Lalor's present capturers, was in command of the troops which made him prisoner at Wanhajen last year.

UNREST ON THE WEST RIVER.

CHINESE SHIPPING DELAYED.

A vernacular newspaper report states that tension on the West River has continued, and, according to latest reports from Canton, the Kwangsi-ites have concentrated a good number of troops at Kowchow, a city south-east of Wuchow, further down the river. As there is quite a big army of "Ironside" units taking up positions in the vicinity of Kowchow it is believed that hostilities between the two sides may take place at almost any moment.

The s.s. Kwong Ying, a Hongkong-Wuchow vessel, scheduled to arrive in Hongkong from Wuchow yesterday, was delayed. The same report says that enquiries from the shipping company revealed that even at a fairly late hour last night the vessel had not turned up, and consequently it is supposed that some sort of fighting has taken place in the upper West River districts, which has delayed the vessel's departure.

The s.s. Sunning, which left Wuchow on Wednesday evening for Hongkong, and which should have arrived here on Thursday, was also delayed. Enquiries disclose that when the vessel was berthed at Dosing, the Chinese Customs sent some of their men on board, to make a search for illicit opium. The search took a long time, hence the schedule was affected.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 18 of this issue.

- 1 What are (a) a gupman, (b) a gumbler (c) a kibbler, and (d) a kolla walla?
- 2 What well-known London music-hall was founded by a chimney-sweep?
- 3 What civic official wears an emblem of office which is worth £12,000?
- 4 What are the origins of the old inn signs "Bull and Mouth" and "Goat and Compasses"?
- 5 What common metal of to-day was once regarded as sacred?
- 6 What is (a) the rarest animal and (b) the rarest reptile in the Zoo?
- 7 What was the Treaty of Uzbridge?
- 8 What famous scientist whose memory is now being honoured was the son of a South London blacksmith?
- 9 What great writer long before Edgar Allan Poe and Conan Doyle created the Sherlock Holmes type of detective?
- 10 When was it an offence to wear shoes with too pointed toes?
- 11 What was the Pensioned Parliament?
- 12 Which is reputed to be the oldest street in Britain?

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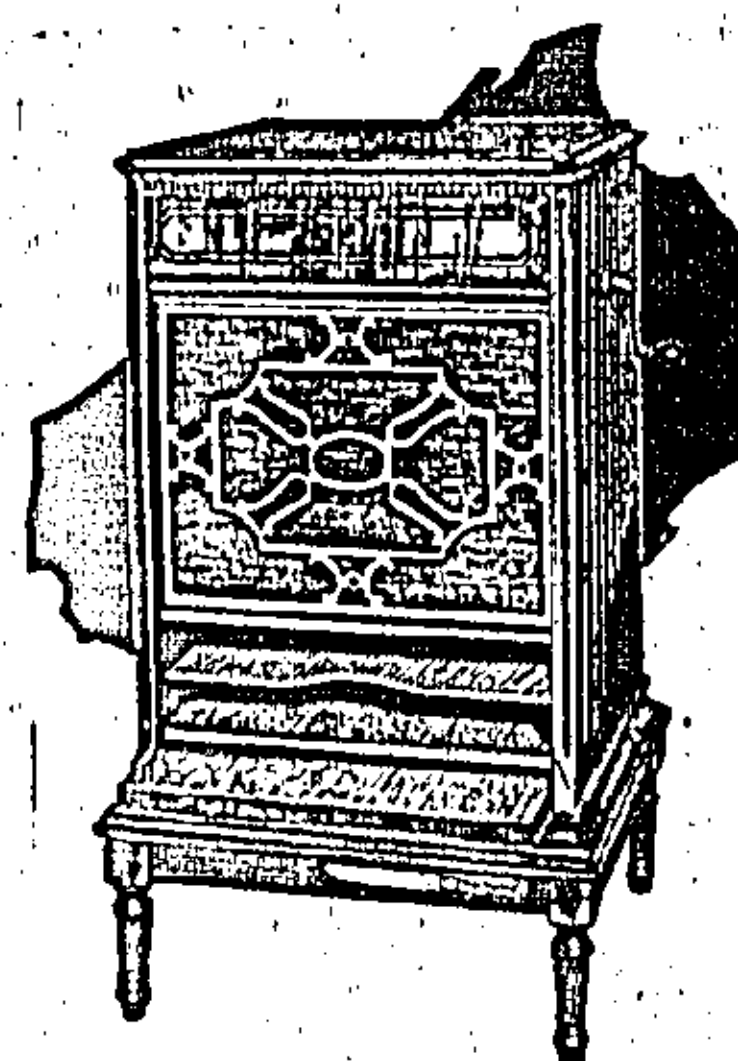
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NEW VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Royal Warrant relating to the Decoration and Medal, and this amendment will have to be submitted for His Majesty's approval. It may be added that there is a Reserve of Officers at present, though it is not classed as an auxiliary unit.

Procedure On Resigning.

Section 5 of the principal Ordinance provides that any volunteer may quit his corps on giving fourteen days notice in writing, delivering up his equipment, and paying any money due by him. It also provides that every volunteer shall be deemed to have engaged to serve for a period of three years. It is not obvious, though it may on examination be clear, that the obligation to give notice continues even after the expiration of the original period of three years. Paragraph (b) and (c) of section 4 of this Ordinance are intended to make the point obvious and quite clear. Section 4 also provides that the three year period shall not apply to the members of the auxiliary units, who will accordingly be at liberty to resign at any time upon giving fourteen days notice in writing.

Powers of Discipline.

Section 16 (1) (4) of the principal Ordinance gives a certain power to arrest any officer or volunteer who disobeys any lawful order, or is guilty of misconduct, on any parade. The obvious intention is to provide a remedy for the possible though unlikely case of the flouting of authority on a parade. The paragraph in question, however, is defective in that it gives the power of arrest only to "the officer then in command of the corps or any superior officer in whose command the corps then is." The officer in command of the corps is the Commandant and he may not be present on the parade. Accordingly paragraph (b) of section 5 of this Ordinance gives the power of arrest to the officer in command of the parade, or any superior officer under whose command the parade then is. Any officer or volunteer so arrested must be released at the end of the march or duty or exercise during which he was placed under arrest. Paragraph (c) of section 5 therefore, by way of extra caution, provides that such release from arrest shall be without prejudice to any subsequent proceedings for the discharge of the individual in question from the corps.

Payment of Fines.

Section 6 of this Ordinance repeals section 16A of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section. The principal changes are as follows:—

(a) The sum of \$25 which a non-efficient is liable to pay will in future be paid into the general revenue of the Colony and not into the general fund of the corps.

(b) No member of a volunteer corps is to be liable to forfeit this sum in respect of the year in which he attains the age of forty years or in respect of any subsequent year.

(c) No member of a volunteer corps who has been efficient in three years, whether consecutive years or not, is to be liable to forfeit the said sum.

(d) A member of a volunteer corps may for various reasons have to quit the corps before making himself efficient in any given year. Accordingly the Commandant is given power to exempt such a person from liability to pay the \$25 if he is of opinion (i) that the person in question quitted the corps for a reasonable and bona fide cause and (ii) that such person used reasonable diligence in undergoing the annual training up to the time of his quitting the corps.

When On Actual Service.

Section 17 of the principal Ordinance provides that when a volunteer corps is on actual military service, or is doing duty with His Majesty's regular forces, the provisions of the Army Act with regard to discipline are applied with certain modifications. In order to avoid any possible question, section 7 of this Ordinance adds to that section a sub-section which provides that any disciplinary measures necessary may be carried out after the period of actual military service, or such duty, has come to an end.

Courts Martial.

Section 8 of this Ordinance adds a new section 17A to the principal Ordinance. The new section gives the Commandant power to order any officer or volunteer to attend, at volunteer headquarters or elsewhere, for the purposes of, any court martial or court of inquiry or for any other special purpose which may appear proper to the Commandant. Any officer or volunteer who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any such order will be liable upon conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding \$250. It is obviously necessary to have such a power in reserve in order to insure the attendance of witnesses and others at courts martial and courts of inquiry, and there may

be other special cases also in which the power may be required.

Delivery of Equipment.

Section 20 of the principal Ordinance provides that every person who fails to deliver up any equipment which he is liable under the Ordinance or rules to deliver up shall be liable to pay to the Commandant the value of the equipment. This appears to be defective in two points. In the first place, it is arguable that the section refers only to the final delivery up by a member who is quitting the corps. In the second place, it may be important, as in the case of a rifle or revolver, that the article should be returned to store and that the member should not be allowed to keep it upon paying the value. Accordingly, section 9 of this Ordinance substitutes another section which requires actual delivery up of the article, and it makes it clear that the obligation applies to every case where a member of a corps is under an obligation to return any equipment, either permanently or temporarily. The sanction is a fine not exceeding \$250, to be imposed by a magistrate.

Taking of the Oath.

Section 26 of the principal Ordinance requires every officer and volunteer to take the oath, or make the declaration, of allegiance. It is not intended to require members of the auxiliary units to do this, except when they are called up for actual military service. This will be provided in the regulations. Section 10 of this Ordinance, accordingly, makes the general obligation to take the oath, or make the declaration, subject to any regulations relating to members of the auxiliary units. It also enables the oath or declaration of allegiance to be taken or made before the Adjutant, or before any officer of His Majesty's regular forces attached to the Corps. This is desirable, because, speaking generally, the term "officer" in the principal Ordinance means an officer holding a volunteer commission.

Considerable interest has been aroused in mining circles by the announcement that the commercial committee of the Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal-owners' Association has circulated to its members a scheme in connexion with the co-operative selling of coal to reduce the present losses. Details have not been disclosed, but it is stated that the scheme will shortly be considered by a full meeting of the association. Sir Adam Nimmo, an ex-president of the Mining Association of Great Britain, stated at Glasgow yesterday that the scheme was "entirely premature."

M. GERBAULT'S LONE VOYAGE.

HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

Port Louis (Mauritius), Oct. 13. M. Alain Gerbault, who is making a voyage round the world alone in his 40ft. tenton cutter Firecrest, and who on Tuesday reached Reunion Island bound for Durban, is in perfect health and high spirits.

A message received by wireless from Reunion Island states that he came ashore there barefooted and bareheaded and wrapped in a single cloth after the fashion of the Polynesian Islanders. The trip of 500 miles from Rodriguez Island to Reunion Island took 11 days. M. Gerbault is modest and retiring and declines to be "interviewed" on the details of his trip. To-day he visited Saint-Denis and lunched with the Governor, afterwards playing tennis. Later, he left for an excursion up-country. He declines to sleep anywhere but on board the Firecrest.

Immediately after refitting he will sail for Durban, where he hopes to meet the South African tennis champion. His ultimate intention is to return to France in the course of 1928, and afterwards to set out again in a smaller boat, finally settling on a coral island in the South Seas, where he will write the complete story of his voyages.

During the stage of his voyage from Thursday Island to Reunion Island—some 5,000 miles of open sea—he lived entirely on biscuits, rice, maize, and coconuts.

It was in 1923 that M. Gerbault, who is a well-known lawn tennis player, started on his voyage. In April of that year he sailed from Cannes, and in 142 days covered 5,600 miles, landing on Long Island in September. A year later he resumed his voyage from New York. He crossed the Caribbean Sea, passed through the Panama Canal, and reached Galapagos Island early in 1926. The crossing of the Pacific took nearly a year, and it was not until July of this year that his arrival at Thursday Island was reported.

M. Gerbault seems intentionally to have lingered among the Pacific islands, where he found on every hand traces of his favourite author, Robert Louis Stevenson. The beauty of the islands completely conquered him.

After 2,327 consecutive performances "Abie's Irish Rose" has ended a phenomenal run at the Republic Theatre. The opening performance was on May 23, 1922. The Central News says the play had 2,327 performances, beating "Chu Chin Chow" by nearly a hundred. Huge sums were earned by all concerned with the production.

K.O.S.B. BOXING.

FINE FIGHTS AT MURRAY BARRACKS.

Boxing skill was not over-emphasised at the King's Own Scottish Borderers' boxing tournament at Murray Barracks last night, but there was energy enough, and keenly contested bouts were witnessed. Six of the fifteen bouts ended prematurely, but the disqualification included under that classification appeared to be rather severe on L.C. Dawson, the infringement being mild and accidental in spite of its repetition.

Frame and Woolley provided one of the most entertaining of the evening's scraps. Seldom moving from the centre of the ring they exchanged blow for blow throughout three rounds, both maintaining a fast and furious contest to the end.

The two youngsters, Boy Cox and Boy Murphy displayed more skill than their elder confreres, and both were heartily applauded at the conclusion of their fight.

The Results.

The results were: Pte. Gordon, B., beat Pte. Long, C., on points.

Sgt. Seamen, A., defeated Pte. Champelovier in the second round, the latter retiring.

Pte. McGuire, D., knocked out Pte. Porter, B., in the first round.

Pte. Spaulding, C., beat L/C. Jenkins, Hdqtrs. on points.

Boy Murphy beat Boy Cox on points.

Pte. Scarborough B., won on a foul from L/C. Dawson, D., in the first round.

Pte. Lenahan, B., technically knocked out Pte. Riddell, D., the referee stopping the bout in the first round.

Pte. Walls, C., won on points against Pte. Clark, D.

Pte. Stevens, C., defeated Pte. Hazeltine, Hdqtrs. on points.

Pte. Boyer, C., defeated Pte. Murdoch, Hdqtrs. on points.

L/C. Frame, C., was given the verdict over Pte. Woolley, A., after a splendid stand-up fight.

Pte. Gardner, D., knocked out Pte. Macdretney, C., in the third round.

Pte. Byrne, Hdqtrs., and Pte. Martin, C., fought to a draw.

Pte. Corney, C., knocked out Cpl. McGill, B., in the first round.

Pte. Higgs, Hdqtrs., boxed a draw with L/C. Armet, of "B" Company.

Among the Senior Officers present were: Lieut-Colonel L. T. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major G. M. H. Ogilvy, Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Capt. A. G. Dobbie and others.

The referee was Major Campbell, D.S.O., M.C. (R.A.M.C.).

Judges: Lieuts. Shillington, Ker and Welch.

Time-keeper: Lieut. Scott-Elliott.

YACHTING.

ST. ANDREW'S V. ST. GEORGE TO-MORROW.

The annual sailing match between the St. George and St. Andrew's Societies will take place at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, North Point to-morrow over a course of 5.5 miles. The course will be Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock, (P), mark on Club line (S), and Cuck Rock Buoy (S).

The preparatory gun will be fired five minutes before the start which is fixed for 11 a.m.

Mr. C. G. Albaster, President, will lead St. George's Society, the helmsmen being Mr. N. Croucher, Mr. C. L. Edwards, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Mr. H. S. Rouse and Mr. F. G. Vaux. St. Andrew's will be led by the Chief, Mr. D. Templeton, the helmsmen being Mr. R. M. Jack, Dr. F. Nicholson, Mr. A. Ritchie, Lieut. Scott-Elliott and Mr. A. L. Shields.

In the afternoon the boats will be changed over and will be drawn for. Three rinks of bowls will be played and should provide interesting sport. The rinks will consist of the following:—

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Second Rink.	
T. E. Hammond	W. Adamson
F. Sutton	K. E. Grier
G. G. Wood	J. W. C. Bonnar
L. J. Davies	W. MacFarlane

Third Rink.	
E. B. Reed	A. Cameron
J. W. Bentley	A. Stevenson
Hon. Mr. W. T.	F. Sanders
Southern	
G. R. Edwards	W. Russell

M.C.C. DRAW WITH NATAL.

RAIN PREVENTS CONCLUSION.

Maritzburg, Dec. 2. Natal scored 171 against the English tourists, Aschil taking 5 for 33.

The M.C.C. replied with 333. Ernest Tyldesley knocking up 101. Overnight rain prevented play to-day, and the match was drawn. —Reuter.

DETECTIVES IN REAL LIFE.

DOG LEADS WAY TO COINER OWNER'S DEN.

A LUCKY ERROR.

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Just as criminals have their individual ways he tells us, so have the bigger detectives.

"One will use the rapier, another the bludgeon. One will elicit a confession, another will piece together a net of damning evidence. One will follow a trail as pertinaciously as a wiesel, and another will out-think a criminal and jump him by a short cut."

In his book Mr. Dilnot shows us these various types at work, and reveals the stranger-than-fiction stories that lie behind that well-worn phrase "From information received" used by detectives at the Old Bailey.

Hot Poker Threat.

Here is the bludgeoner at work. A Newcastle detective is sitting before the police station fire when a lad of 15 rushes in and tells a story of having been bound and gagged in his office and robbed of his employer's money.

The detective pushes the poker into the fire and lets the lad talk on.

Then, with the red-hot poker, he advances on the boy and asks, "Have you any more lies to tell?" In a minute he has both the confession and the hiding-place of the money.

Chief Detective-Inspector Fox uses the rapier against a coiner who has been flooding London with spurious gold and silver coins. He has two clues—the coiner lives in the Peckham neighbourhood and has a black retriever dog named Nero.

Every black retriever in Peckham is traced or shadowed to its home, and finally Fox finds a dog who responds to the name of Nero.

He feeds it well at a butcher's shop makes a friend for life of it, and the obliging animal leads him to its master's house.

The next thing is to find the work-shop. So Fox has the coiner taken down to Brighton for the day by a tradesman friend. In his absence the house is entered and Nero taken out for a walk round the neighbourhood.

Fox follows the dog in a cab; another officer keeps pace on a bicycle.

Finding the Quarry.

It was a shot in the dark, but it worked. After a quarter of an hour.

The dog set off at a trot, and the end of that trot was the coiner's den and information that resulted in 15 years' imprisonment.

Sometimes neither the bludgeon nor the rapier nor any other method is required. Luck does it all.

A detective was sent to Southampton Docks to stop an absconding bank cashier. He found a suspect, examined his luggage, found a large amount of cash, and triumphantly took him ashore. Then he phoned Scotland Yard and said: "I've got the man."

"No you haven't," came the reply: "we got him at King's Cross half an hour ago."

Bewildered, the detective related the facts.

"That's all right," came the voice from the London end. "We shall want that fellow too. He's a rate collector who has made a bolt from Glasgow."

"Great Detectives and their Methods" is published by Geoffrey Bles.

Any bachelor will tell you it's better to have loved and lost.

BILLIARDS.

STEEL COUSLON'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Warders and St. Patrick's Club having equal points after all games had been played, met at the Dockyard Recreation Club on Wednesday evening to decide the championship. There was a large attendance and close and interesting games were witnessed, the Warders eventually winning by 24 points.

At the conclusion of the match, the Secretary spoke of the good spirit in which the games had been played and also of the opportunity the League had given the various Clubs and Messes, to meet each other. The standard of Billiards throughout was very high, with Mr. Jones of the Dockyard Recreation Club, the outstanding player. He thanked the officials of the D.R.C., the referee, and the marker, for their work that evening.

Mr. Ruttonice was unable to be present through indisposition, and his representative, Mr. Scholes kindly distributed the prizes.

Mr. Gooding, the Captain of the Warders team, received the Challenge Cup and each member a souvenir taking the form of a silver cue and rest, crossed with three balls under the arch, and mounted on a silver base with a black-wood stand.

Mr. Jones, of the D.R.C. received the cue and case for the highest break—82 unfinished. He also took the prize for the biggest win 100-4—a hamper containing 8 bottles of various wines and spirits.

With the exception of the Cup, which was donated by Messrs. Steel Coulson & Co. all other prizes were generously given by Mr. Ruttonice, to whom a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

BRITAIN'S SMOKE ABATEMENT.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON NEED FOR CAUTION.

London, Nov. 4. To-day it was estimated that 3,000,000 tons of solid matter were deposited every year on the soil of this country in the storm of soot and grit from smoke, five-sixths of it caused by domestic fires.

This statement was made by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, yesterday at a Guildhall conference of Greater London local authorities to consider the changes in the law effected by the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926, now in operation.

As an instance of the pollution of the atmosphere Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that the amount of direct sunlight received in Manchester compared with a country district a few miles away was only 55 per cent. He added:

Industry's Burdens.

We are an industrial country and we must be careful that in curing one evil we do not bring about another. To break up old plant and to replace it with the most modern applications of science which will enable a much complete consumption of smoke to be effected means the expenditure of a very considerable amount of capital.

This is not a time when capital is too abundant, and I feel we must have some regard to the difficulties through which manufacturers are passing, and afford them a reasonable amount of time to enable them to carry out alterations, which will be to their advantage, but which will involve considerable demands upon their resources.

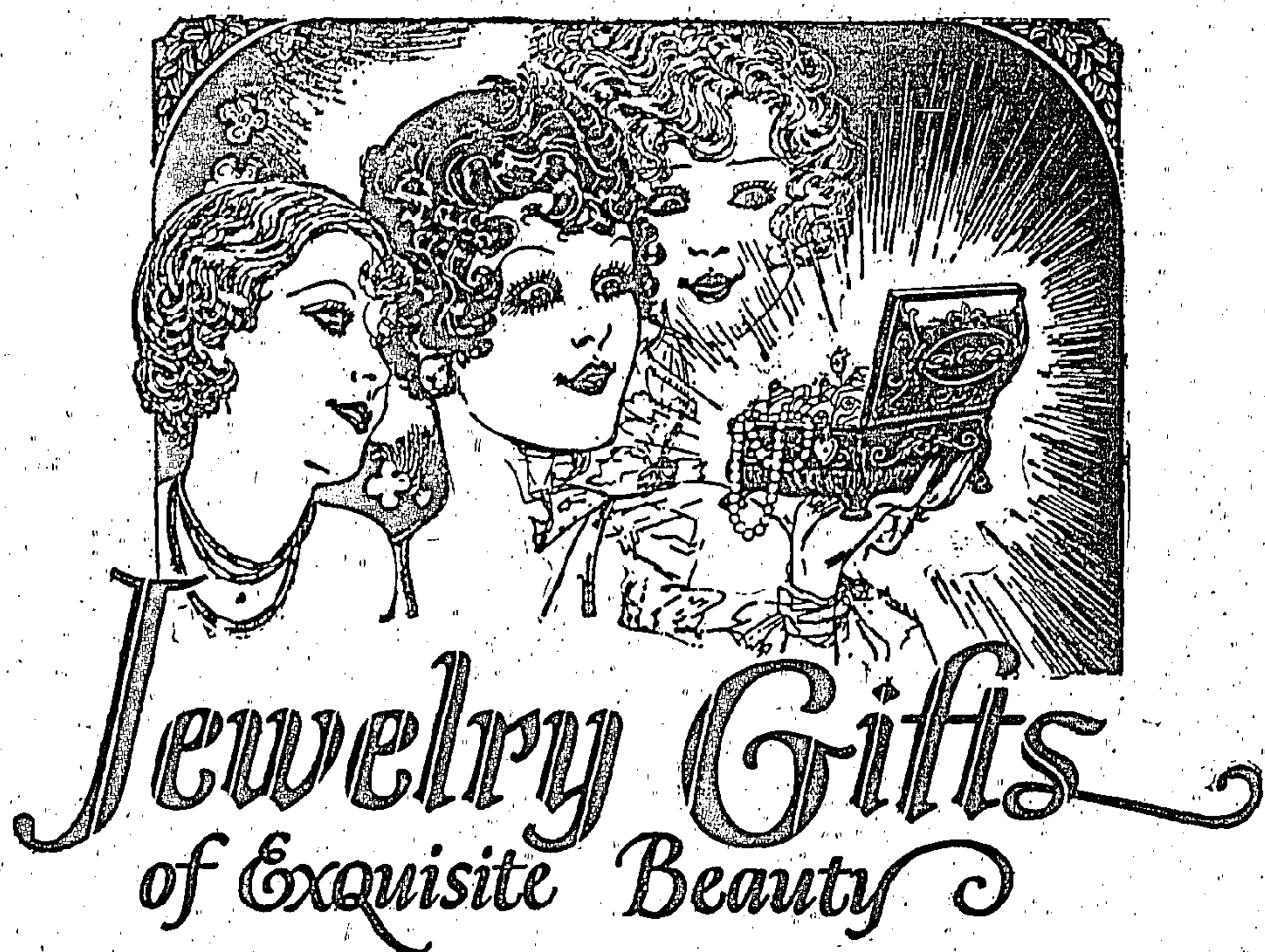
Quite seventy-five per cent. of new houses are already nearly smokeless, that is to say, they are fitted with the exception possibly of one fire, with gas, or in some cases electricity.

What we really want is a smokeless fuel which can be burned in an open grate, and as soon as that appears in a form which has advantages from the financial point of view, I prophesy it will quickly take the place of methods of burning coal now employed.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club in their match against the K.O.S.B., at 4.45 p.m. on the U.S. R. C. ground on Wednesday next:—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. E. Henry and D. Lyon; L. M. S. Lloyd, A. A. Dand (capt.) and E. L. Sim; A. E. Pritchard, T. Whitley, R. K. Valentine, W. Woodward and J. E. Noronha.

Evidence of the existence of cotton in India 5,000 years ago has been revealed by the archaeological excavations at Mohenjodaro, Frontier Province. A silver vase has been found containing jewellery wrapped in a fabric which is undoubtedly cotton and not, as was at first supposed, the blossom of the silk cotton tree.



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AN ALLEGED FRAUD.

Under the Larceny Act, the hearing of summonses which have been postponed for several months took place at the Mansion House Police Court, London, recently.

Defendants were Sir Charles Buckworth Herne Soame, Bart., of Sheen Cottage, Coalbrookdale, Salop; Robert George Harley, of 7 Wake Street, Kennington, and Edmund Octavius Eaton, of Highland Hall, St. Leonards, all described as company officials.

In the original summonses, the name of Edward Warden, of Gloucester Crescent, Regent's Park, was joined with the defendants, but in the interval he has died.

The summonses charged the three defendants with having, between January 1924 and April 12, 1927, conspired together and with other persons, to cheat and defraud such persons as might receive prospectuses and pamphlets issued by the Fuel Power Gas & By-Products Corporation (Ltd.), and to obtain money from them by falsely pretending that certain reports appearing in the prospectus and pamphlets were true.

The three defendants were defended by Mr. Veltie and Mr. Shear, and the prosecution was directed by Mr. Percival Clarke, who outlined the case, at length, saying all the charges were of conspiring to defraud people on the strength of statements in prospectuses and pamphlets in reference to the Chalk Fuel Power Gas & By-Products Co. (Ltd.).

Counsel intimated that after hearing the facts, the Alderman might think that other charges should be preferred against Sir Charles Herne-Soame, and Colonel E. O. Eaton.

The last-named, although not a director, had, in aiding and abetting, become a party to the alleged fictitious statements.

The company, counsel proceeded, was registered on March 6, 1914, and had a nominal capital of £16,000, divided into 80,000 preference shares of 5s. each and 20,000 founders' shares of 1s. each.

Patent Fuel.

The objects of the company was the exploitation of a new invention for a patent coal by means of the utilisation of chalk or other substances and generally to carry on the business of chemical manufacturing agents.

In 1914, George Henry Frankline, of great engineering experience, became acquainted with Mr. Hollis, who said he was connected with a company which was experimenting with a new patent fuel composed of chalk and cinders, which it was proposed to put on the market at an early date. Mr. Frankline was permitted to make a test of the fuel which was regarded as very unsatisfactory.

In September of the same year, Mr. Hollis again saw Mr. Frankline and invited him to make another test with the fuel on a light railway, and after seeing Colonel Eaton this was carried out.

The fuel was tried on a light engine at Selsey. The engine was drawing three coaches, but the fuel was so unsatisfactory that great difficulty was experienced in getting the train to move owing to the lack of steam. The train would go down hill and run on the level, but, said Mr. Clarke, when required to go up hill, the engine stopped and eventually had to be stopped home with real steam coal.

Mr. Frankline reported the result of this experiment to Colonel Eaton, and sent in his account.

"A Great Discovery."

Counsel proceeded to point out that when the report and the company's prospectus came to be issued, it was clear to the directors that the opinion expressed of the fuel was not satisfactory for their purpose, and they were now charged with making entirely fictitious statements in connexion with that report and prospectus with the object of reporting favourably to the shareholders or those who sought to invest in the company.

Mr. Frankline had made it clear in both of his reports that the fuel was unsatisfactory and had no commercial value.

Mr. Percival Clarke next referred to the printing to the order of the company of 75,000 circulars which were entitled, "Chalk-Coal Patent Fuel and By-Products. A great discovery—1920. Signed, J. H. Frankline."

Mr. Frankline would say that he never made the reports attributed to him nor made the statements subsequently contained in the prospectus.

In them, Mr. Frankline was stated to have written eulogistically of the product, extolling its quality and behaviour, and the chemical value of its ash.

The fuel, the report declared, can give out a great heat, and is reduced to ash. It is equal to good steam coal.

It went on to say that the resultant ash mixed with water solidified and became a valuable

GREVILLE DIARY STORM.

COURT SCANDALS AS
HISTORY.

EDITION SOLD OUT.

Charles Greville's last memories have produced an echo of the storm his first volumes caused forty years ago, says a Home paper of mail week. Criticism is made of the publication of his gossiping indiscretions, but the general opinion seems to be that their publication as documents of historic interest was overdue, and that the causes which led to their partial suppression forty years ago do not matter now.

Sir Almeric Fitzroy, who held the same office as Greville, that of Clerk to the Privy Council, for twenty-five years, gave as his view that the public would not be greatly excited over the scandals of a bygone age, and that there could be no question now of the propriety of publishing references to persons who, with their immediate descendants, were dead.

Pitfalls.

"It is possible for an editor of a diary to make indiscreet use of its entries," he said, "but after this lapse of time there are not the same pitfalls."

Sir George Arthur, Kitchener's biographer, declared that the memoirs were published quite late enough.

"It is surely much better that we should have them printed now," he said, "when there are people alive who can challenge their accuracy if necessary."

"I do not think the question of the propriety of publishing them arises at all. What matters is the propriety of writing them, for if a thing is written it is the duty of publishers to publish what is interesting to the public. After all there are a great many things the diarist might chronicle which he omits."

Messrs. Heinemann, the publishers of the volumes in this country—they have appeared also in America—emphatically disclaimed that the book is published as a scandalous chronicle.

Interest.

"People might as well attack the publication of 'Pepi's Diary,'" a member of the firm said to a *Daily Express* representative. "Greville's Diary has a definite and legitimate historical interest. We have always refused to publish scandalous memoirs which had no other interest."

"There has been some criticism of the manner in which the entries formerly suppressed have now been edited."

"The original Greville Diary was published in sixteen volumes, and there are only two ways in which the expurgations could be edited. If they were not to be grouped round different subjects, the only alternative would have been the republishing of the complete diary in chronological order and in eighteen volumes."

It was learned that the first edition of 1,000 copies was sold out yesterday, and that other editions were being prepared to meet a demand which had already reached 6,000.

by-product for building purposes and sold at 12s. a ton. The ash was declared to be worth 5s. a ton if merely sold as a garden fertiliser.

There were still some foolish people who evidently believed all that they saw on a prospectus, said Mr. Clarke.

One reverend gentleman at Newport Pagnell purchased some of the shares, but in company with Mr. Frankline and Mr. Mackay, neither of whom received their fees, the reverend gentleman did not get the dividend he expected, and it was reasonable to assume that the whole of the capital was swallowed up in expenses or directors' fees.

When the Engine Stopped.

Amazing evidence of the test of the fuel on one of the south coast light railways was given by John Robert Belcher.

Witness was accompanied on the footplate by Mr. Frankline on behalf of the fuel company. The engine had three trucks behind it. We raised steam with the fuel, said witness, but it took us a long time to do it. The test was over sixteen miles.

Mr. Clarke—What was the effect of the fuel on the furnace?—It was very badly clogged up with the residue from the fuel.

On the outward journey we stopped once about every three miles and a little over one mile on the homeward journey in order to get up steam.

Both Mr. Frankline and I tried to clear the furnace but were unsuccessful and we got home with some difficulty, but about three and a half miles from our destination we had to drop the trucks and we and the engine just succeeded in scrapping home.

William Macdonald Mackay, an analytical and consulting chemist of Leeds, gave evidence denying the statements which were attributed to him in the prospectus.



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The sight of three fire engines dashing up to a Haymarket restaurant shortly after 8.30 one night created great excitement. The reception staff of the restaurant gazed in astonishment as the firemen leaped from their engines and rushed into the foyer of the restaurant, for there had been no outbreak of fire on the premises. The manager of the restaurant informed a reporter that the firemen told him they had been summoned by telephone. On finding there was no fire they expressed their regret for the inconvenience caused by their visit and withdrew. The manager said he could only regard it as a scandalous hoax intended to frighten the guests.

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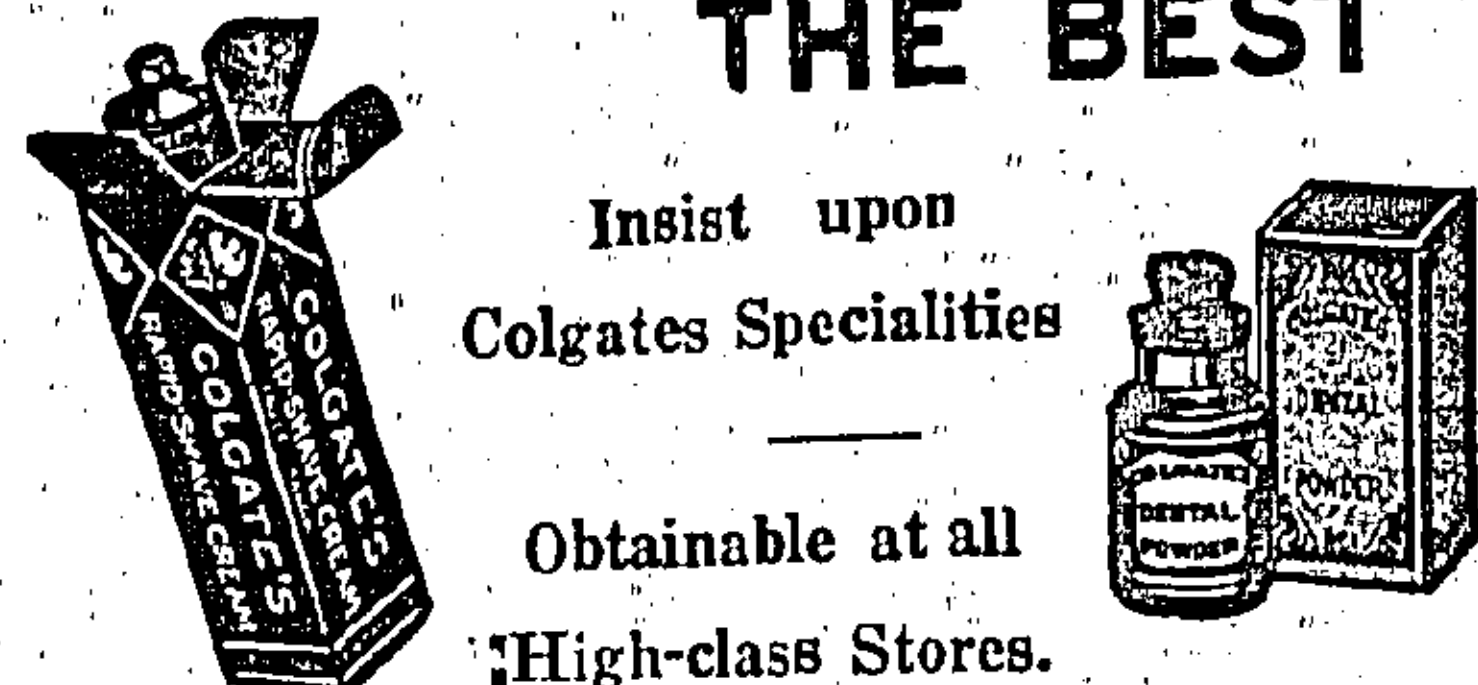
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A new method of teaching the deaf to speak which promises to simplify that extremely difficult task is being put to a practical test in a series of experiments now being conducted at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, in Edgewood, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

The new method, known as "voice vision," is based on the Osiso, a recent invention which presents the voice in visible form by transforming sound waves into light waves. By means of this device, the teachers expect to aid the 300 deaf children in the school to gain greater control of their vocal organs and eventually to achieve better and more pleasing voices.

According to the Edgewood teachers, the chief difficulty in teaching speech to persons deprived of hearing from infancy is to provide them with an adequate idea of what they are trying to do. Ordinarily, this is done by first making the child conscious of sound vibrations in musical instruments, such as the piano, guitar or drum. Then the attention of the pupil is called to the vibrations of the voice as felt in the chest, back, cheeks, top of head, etc., of the teachers. The next step is for the child to place his hands on himself and experiment with his voice until he has produced vibrations such as he felt in the teacher, and if he imitates the teacher exactly, he produces sounds which are intelligible.

In the "voice vision" classes the same result is achieved in another way. The teacher speaks a sustained note, such as "ah" or "oh," into a telephone receiver attached to the Osiso, and has the child watch the path of light waves which follow. Then the child is bidden to make the same sound. By experimenting with his voice, the child soon reproduces approximately the same picture as the teacher, which means approximately the same sound.

An Advantage.

The "voice vision" method has the advantage, the teachers say, of making the child forget himself. While feeling for vibrations in the teacher or himself the child becomes self-conscious, and a contraction of the throat muscles is the result. With the Osiso, however, the children have been quick to realize that the essence of their speech is revealed in the mirrors of the instrument, and they centre their attention on the light waves.

In the few weeks that the Osiso has been on trial, many gratifying improvements in tone and volume of voice have been made. In some cases, pupils have been taught to bring out their voices for the first time.

A. Clarence Manning, Superintendent of the institution, is enthusiastic over the possibilities of the Osiso as a means of improving speech of the deaf. To him, any device which will give the children a clear picture of speech in shorter study time is a decided boon; and in the Osiso he sees great opportunity of improving the children's speech.

"Our pupils are much interested in the instrument," declares Mr. Manning, "as they recognize in it an accurate portrayal of their individual defects of speech. It gives them a visible conception of their speech as it is, and with the teacher's assistance of what it should be."

"It is too early for us to determine the exact amount of assistance the Osiso can render in the development of speech, but our teachers are most favourably impressed with results thus far obtained."

The Osiso is the invention of Joseph W. Legg, of Wilkesburg, an engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. It is not a complicated device in principle. When sound waves strike the diaphragm of the receiver, tiny currents are set up in an electric circuit. This current causes a small mirror to vibrate, with the result that a narrow beam of reflected light traces a path similar to the wave form of the sounds. By means of a rotating polygon of mirrors, the light wave appears in the form of an unbroken wave.

A German migration agent who has arrived in Melbourne states that thousands of young Germans desire to go to Australia, which they preferred to other countries. Lack of capital was delaying the majority, but probably a great influx would be seen within the next five years, mostly farmers. The steamer Kohn has just landed 200 German migrants, all possessing small capital.

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LONDON'S TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

POOLING PLAN EVOLVED IN REPORT.

A comprehensive scheme for the pooling of London passenger traffic is outlined in the report of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee to the Minister of Transport. The Cabinet has decided that the scheme shall be submitted to all the traffic authorities concerned for an expression of their views.

The reports provides for the consolidation of the passenger transport services of London with suburban public control as is required to protect the interests of the community in the matter of—

- (a) The level of fares.
- (b) The adequacy of services, and
- (c) Development to the limit of available resources.

It provides for the setting up of a common fund and a common management, to which the passenger transport undertakings wholly or partly within the London traffic area, comprising underground and other local railways, tramway and omnibus undertakings, should be parties. Emphasis is laid on the fact that the ownership of existing undertakings would remain with the present proprietors, with the proviso that some variation may be necessary in the case of the small omnibus proprietors.

It is not suggested that the main railway lines should be parties to the scheme in respect of their suburban traffic, in view of the complications of accountability and operation, but permissive powers would be given to enable them to enter into agreements with the parties to the scheme.

The Advisory Committee, believing that under their scheme

the various transport undertakings can be made self-supporting without any increase in the present general level of fares, naturally pay special attention to the common fund, which is to consist of the balances of the gross revenues of the several undertakings, after meeting their revenue liabilities, which are held to include working expenses, provision for depreciation and renewal, rents, interest on loans, debentures, guaranteed and preference stocks, and other prior charges.

The first payment out of the fund is to be made to meet the deficiency of any party in the sum required to meet in full its revenue liabilities, and it is urged that this would strengthen the security of each undertaking's capital.

The scheme proposes a common management of one or more persons forming an executive to be responsible to their proprietors,

but it is, admitted that common management is not practicable except by agreement, which, it is believed, would be reached in the main. An effective public control body would be necessary to watch the interests of the travelling public. Such a body should not be the owner of any transport undertakings, and the scheme proposes that the existing Traffic Advisory Committee should undertake the task.

The Committee propose that, if once the scheme is adopted, it should remain in operation for at least 42 years, and that it should not be subject to any revision or variation within that period except by general consent of the parties. They emphasize their view that the matter is one of extreme urgency, and that no substantial improvement of the travelling facilities in Greater London can be effected until some such scheme is put into operation.

LOCAL GERMANS AT NEW SPORTS CLUB.



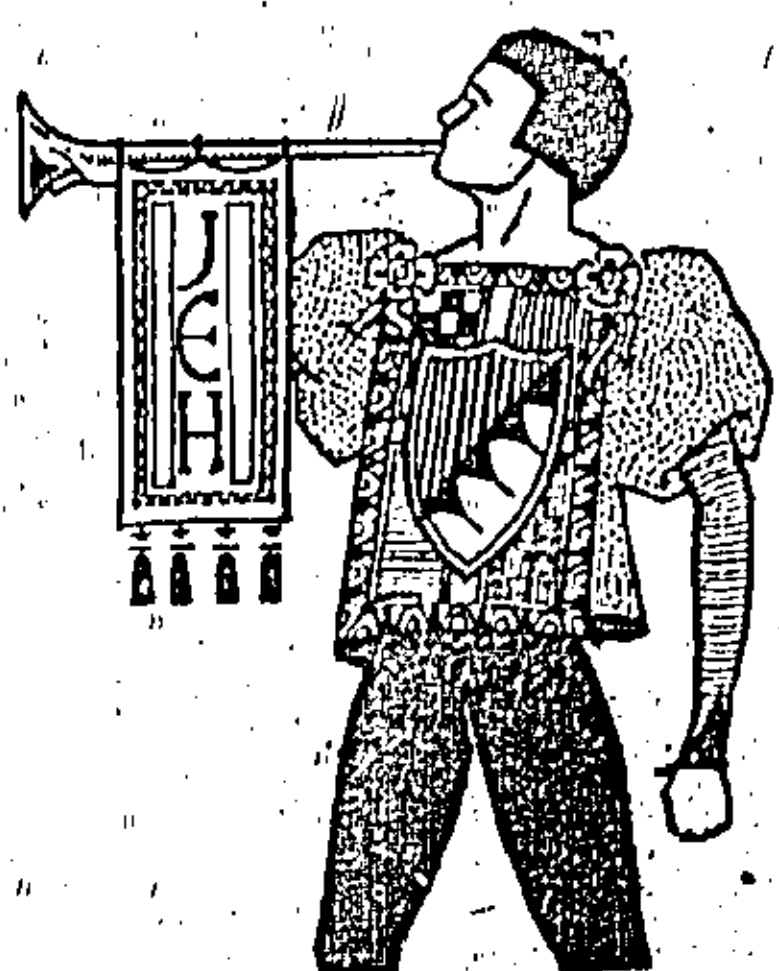
Group taken at the new German Recreation Club, at King's Park, Kowloon, which has recently been opened and is now in general use by the local German community. The Consul (Dr. Wagner) and his wife are seen seated in the centre of the middle row. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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in with a light pattern of glittering
gold sequins.

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girl consisted of a wreath of blue
china forget-me-nots with spark-
ling crystal centres. Each little
spray was heavily bound round with
green silk, which also bound the
wreath together. It was finished
at the back with a neat tissue bow
with streamer ends falling nearly
to the waist.

A blue erinoline frock was
trimmed with a shoulder puffy of
blue glass and crystal harchells,
cleverly manipulated on the crystal
stalk so that they nodded.

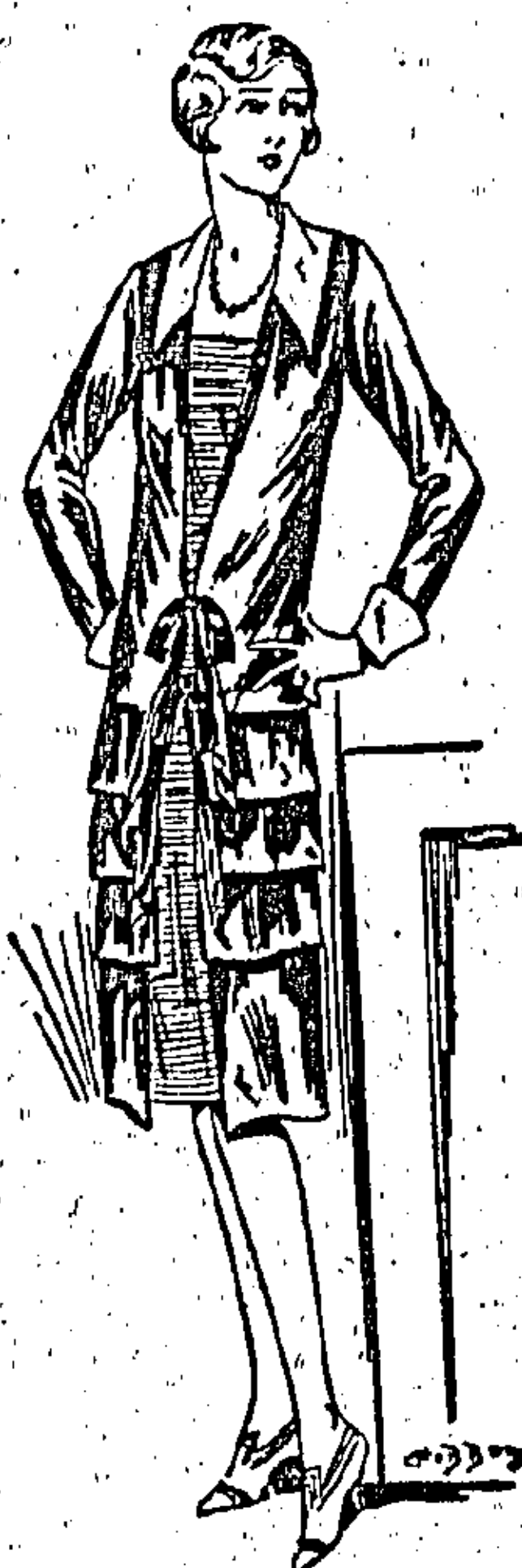
A pretty silver tissue handbag
was set in a silver frame and
embroidered with lozenge-like pieces
of rose quartz and crystal edged
with seed pearls.

A set of evening jewellery con-
sisted of a choker necklet of green
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makes the overdress of this
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tucks on the skirt, and collar
and cuffs of beige crepe de
chine. The under-dress is com-
posed of finely tucked beige
georgette.

ABOUT JEWELLERY.

SMART CRYSTAL.

As our clothes tend to be softer
and more elaborate in outline this
winter, you would expect jewellery
to take a back seat, or, at least, no
longer to be as important as it was
on our severely plain garments.

But not a bit of it. Jewellery
is more chic than ever, but there is
one distinction, it must have. It
must be new! It can be made of
jewels, semi-jewels, sham jewels,
glass, enamel, steel, wood—or
aluminium—how light and practical
for the first dozen or two of
one's bracelets in the evening; you
could put some diamond ones on
the top.

However, if you are too con-
ventional for these novelties, and
just want to wear the smart
jewellery of the moment, you must
give away your really "popularly"
priced pearls, which are no longer
the last word by several paragraphs.

You can wear amber, crystal,
chrysoprase, cornelian, lapis or any
similar stone in the daytime. Jade,
of course, one never can resist
wearing if one has it, but crystal
is what smart women are buying
just now more than anything else.
It is good style and becoming, it
has never the trashy look we've
begun to associate with imitation
pearls, and it "goes" with any-
thing.

The gold flexible chains which
were so smart in the spring have
been rather done to death by cheap
imitations.

Grey jade, worn with grey
frocks, is very, very chic now, and
too rare and expensive to become
common.

Evening Jewels.

In the evening smart women
wear either real pearls, a few very
good imitation ones, or diamonds
of either description. Few coloured-
stones are worn in the evening
nowadays. Fashions in evening
colours change so quickly, and we
all like variety in our dance clothes,
and coloured stones are so fright-
fully "tiring."

Single Pearl Ear-rings.

We don't like heavily-laden necks
or long earrings just now—the ideal
is short single pearl earrings (the
newest are not "studs," but hang
just below the ear), a string or two
of pearls, and as many bracelets as
you like to put on. This is for
evening. For daytime a necklace
of semi-precious stones, short ear-
rings to match, and a matching
buckle on your belt. The last is
the really smart touch. These
oblong buckles are made now with
glass stones in all colours.

A couple of large rings, pre-
ferably single stones and square-
cut, are right for either day or
evening.



Here are two charming new bridal head-dresses. The top sketch shows the tulle
veil arranged flatly over the head, surmounted by a coronal of orange blossoms and foliage.
Below is a pretty little pearl head-dress, with sprays of orange blossom falling over the
ears and a fine lace veil.

OVER THE TEA CUPS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BY "JOAN")

London, Oct. 20.

Just now silk or wool jerseys are
very popular, and they are worn in
conjunction with little short-coat-
ed tailored costumes, the latter be-
ing very much in vogue. Of course
as far as the English climate is
concerned, the reign of the little
coat will be short-lived, for al-
ready wraps are upon us; but, on
the other hand, some of these
tailors are so slender that they
can be worn with impunity beneath
fur and loose fur-trimmed coats.
The jersey illustrated is in buff
coloured silk and wool, mixed, with
bands of blue, and is typical of
the prevailing mode. In passing,
I should like to draw your attention
to the hat which, although it
doesn't look it, is in fact—soft felt
easily moulded to any design, and
very much in favour with milliners
at the moment.

For dinner at home, or after-
noons, Stephanie has sketched for
you a delightful beige lace dress
with a floating scarf. Of course
the colour need not be beige, and
I can imagine any coloured lace—
such as eau de nil—looking charm-
ing. Lace dresses sometimes seem
fragile, but my experience is that
they have wonderful longevity be-
cause of a certain "raginess" in
general which makes them less
liable to lose their pristine glory
than satin or crepe de chine. A
black dress worn over a black (or
coloured) satin or crepe slip is a
great standby, and a different
flower, or velvet at the waist will
work wonders in relieving the
monotony. Change your flower and
shoes and ear-rings, or possibly
beads (all of which should match
if you would be in the mode) and
you have a completely different
toilette, with your trusty black lace
as a background.

Try This!

For those of you who have a
liking for home-made potted meats,
I have obtained the following re-
cipe. You require a quarter of a
pound each of cold ham and cold
beef, some allspice and clarified
butter. (Chicken can be sub-
stituted for the beef if
liked.) Take the ham and
beef and pass them through a
mincing machine twice, using a
little of the ham fat, then pound
them in a mortar, or if you do not
possess one, take a wooden spoon
in a basin and mix the compound
quite smoothly, seasoning with a
little allspice. Pack the mixture
closely into little shallow glass or
china pots, and cover with melted
clarified butter. Allow this to

stand for one night, and send to
the table in the original pot. If
the meat is tightly packed, and the
butter nearly cool, though liquid,
a top paste of butter will be for-
med for protective purposes and will
not mingle with the potted meat.

Is That So?

Our sketch this week is of the
famous dancer, Madame Anna
Pavlova, whose London season has
become an annual event. The first
night at Covent Garden Opera
House (where for the past three
years she has performed her ballet)
is one of the fashionable nights
of the season, second only to the
opening of the opera. Anna
Pavlova had the chequered career
of most geniuses, in that she ex-
perienced poverty and thwarted
ambition in her youth; but her in-
domitable spirit and her talent have
brought her to the point where
she is regarded as the foremost
exponent of her art. Russia is her



native land—the home of the
ballet—but she has a great affec-
tion for this country.

At the moment of writing,
politics, social events and the
theatres take distinctly secondly
positions in the press, great por-
tance being given to the mem-
bers of our sex who are either
swimming the Channel or flying
the Atlantic. If by these feats of
endurance these intrepid females
benefited humanity to the smallest
extent, I should be the first to doff
my hat to them; nay more, I would
go so far as to throw my head-
gear into the air, and I believe out-
ward manifestation of joy can go
no further than that! As these
feats are only witnessed by a few
personal friends in a boat (I refer
in this instance to the Channel
swimmers) the performance cannot
be said to come within the category
of entertainment for the masses.
This being so, I ask: "What good
does it do anybody?" One poor
soul told a reporter that after she
had slept the sleep of exhaustion

for several hours after her swim,
she awoke and screamed like a baby.
However, we are all for
freedom, and I believe that
people who want to go
in balloons, airships, or by gun-
powder, to walk, jump, skate or
swim to their death, should be
allowed to do so; but I do object to
being told about their exploits in
flaring headlines when I open my
morning, afternoon and evening—
not to say Sunday—papers; and in
this sentiment I know I express
the views of the average woman—
because I have made a point of
collecting them!

The Street of Adventure.

This week I can give you a
selection on the lines of "pay your
money and take your choice," be-
cause I have had an orgy of read-
ing. First of all comes Mr.
Geoffrey Moss's novel, "New
Wine," from the house of Hut-
chinson, a tale dealing with the
"Little Paris" (otherwise the
night club centre) of Roumania.
Readers will remember Mr. Moss
for his novel, "Sweet Pepper,"
which created quite a sensation
in its day. "New Wine" holds
the attention from start to finish,
and is intensely human and real.
I have a quarrel with the ending;
but that is entirely a personal
matter, and you may not agree
with me. If you have read any
other novels by this author, you
will not need my advice to read
"New Wine," whereas if "New
Wine" is your first, you will cer-
tainly acquire the others at the
earliest opportunity.

Next comes "All About Judy" by
Curtis Yorks from the same
publishers. For those of you who
like an obvious ending; a mis-
understanding at the beginning;
the strong and silent "hero" who
marries a wife he does not love, a
pale-faced, intangibly attractive
"heroine" who wins the husband
over, chapter by chapter; for
those of you who like all these
things cut and dried, with perhaps
a new flavouring here is your
novel. Judy did everything under
the sun to sacrifice any little bit
of affection her lord and master
may have been developing for her,
but on page three hundred and
nineteen he said: "I just want a
nice quiet time here—only you and
me!" I'm giving nothing away.
This was inevitable from page
one. But there's something about
the simple story which makes one
stick it out.

Miniature suitcases, known as
"fluffy-bags," are the latest thing
in ladies' vanity cases.

To renew the sheen of black silk,
sponge with hot coffee on the right
side, turn over and press damp.

An exquisite gift is a pair of
tiny rhinestone garter buckles,
with a setting of sterling silver.

NEW LAMPSHADES.

MADE OF COMPRESSED MILK.

Lampshades made of compres-
sed milk or erinoid are the latest
thing. They are as translucent
as silk, with a slightly mottled ap-
pearance, which gives a soft effect
and are made up in different styles
that can be used in any room in
the house. In bath-rooms, for
which it has hitherto been difficult
to find anything that was at the
same time suitable and pretty,
they are ideal as they are wash-
able and very durable.

For sitting-rooms they look very
well in large shapes for floor or
pendant lamps in one colour edged
with bands in a contrast, and they
are very easy to dust. Charming
little table standard lamps made
of lightly coloured erinoid to
match the colour scheme of the
room and fitted with a shade of
the same are delightful for bed-
side or dressing-table in a bed-
room, where the skin shades,
which are also very popular, would
be out of place. The compressed
milk can be cut to any wire frame
and made up just like silk.

Wonderful Tinting.

The same may be said of pigskin
and hide which when first used for
shades were very opaque and had
to be laced on to the frame. Now
by various secret processes which
are used they can be reduced to
any degree of transparency re-
quired, and are tinted either clear
effects, and in the deeper colours
which glow like jewels.

Another novelty which is just
out is a portable lamp fixed into a
shade without fitting. Attached
to the shade are two ribbons with
weights at the end, so that the light
can be carried about and hung
anywhere—on the back of a chair
or over a bedhead, at a convenient
angle for reading or writing.

For side lights and single drop
lights the Cleopatra shade is a
new shape out this season. Made
of orange or fuchsia silk, with side
wings like an Egyptian headdress
weighted with gold bullion fringe,
this is a very attractive shade which
is one of the exclusive designs of
a clever woman designer. An-
other woman lampshade maker is
specialising in shades of pigskin,
edged with skin fringe in various
colours.

For the Hall Lamp.

For use in halls, the later has
just brought out a lampshade
which is a reproduction of a street
lamp, with the panes of glass re-
placed by very transparent orange
pigskin. Another original hall
lampshade represents a cottage



A perfectly simple little dress
of old rose georgette is lifted
quite out of the ordinary by
means of a shaped belt of old
gold lace.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

FOR YOUR BRIDGE PARTY.

"Pyramids" are delicious little
cakes for bridge parties or dance
suppers.

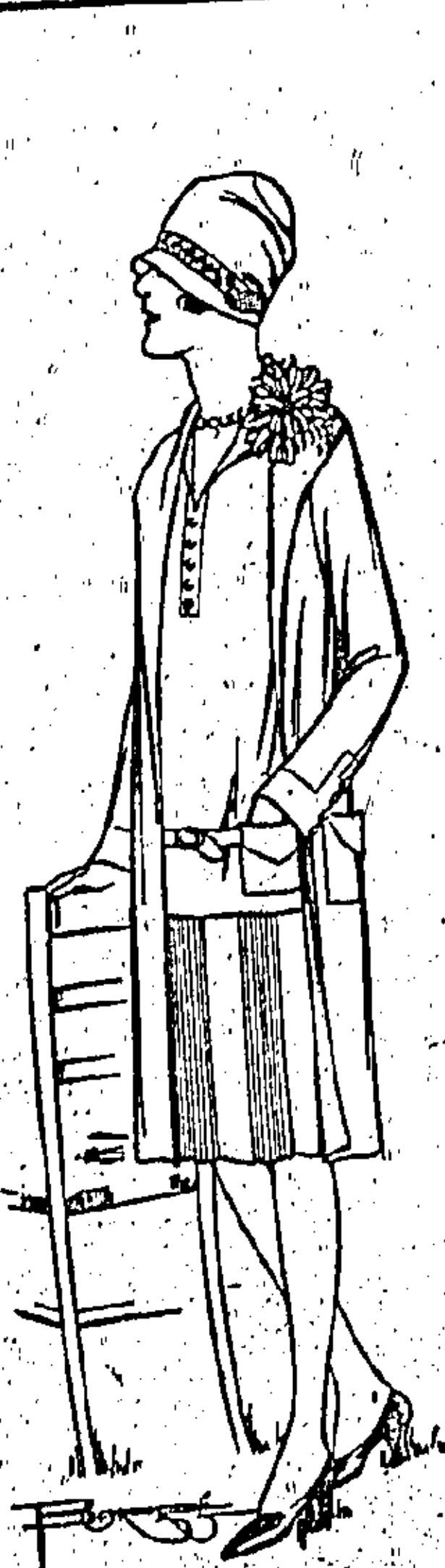
Make a Genoese or sponge cake
mixture and put it into small plain
moulds. Turn out when cooked
and coat with apricot or straw-
berry jam. Pipe the stiffly whipped
whites of two eggs sweetened and
flavoured with vanilla, pyramid
fashion, on the top, sift sugar over
and return to the oven to set and
brown lightly. Sprinkle half with
powdered crystallised rose leaves
and half with crystallised violets.

with a thatched roof, also done
in skin.

For period rooms beautiful re-
productions of old lustres are be-
ing made. Good modern glass
lamps and shades are also sought
after, especially cut glass lamps
with dome-shaped cut glass
shades. Since the Paris Exhbi-
tion the beautiful glass of Lalique
and his copyists has been much
better appreciated. An example
seen recently was a square in-
verted bowl with panels of this
glass in a flower pattern in grey
metal, hung from grey silk cords.

Alabaster bowls are less
fashionable. Their place is often
taken by glass coloured to imitate
sky and sunset effects.

TWO PRACTICAL SPORTS SUITS.



The delightful little three-
piece suit, in Mediterranean
blue crepe de chine,
comprises a pleated skirt,
belted jumper, and long coat
cut tailor fashion and sup-
plied with capacious pockets.



This charming model is
carried out in delphinium blue
Shantung silk, having a vest of
cream organdi stitched with
red silk and a belt of deep red
suede. The buttonhole is also
in red to match the belt.



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MORPHIA TRAFFIC.

EVIDENCE FROM THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

The trial of J. Christie and C. Blum, on a charge of undertaking to supply twenty kilos of morphia, was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon.

Evidence was given by Mr. C. P. Marques from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to the effect that a telegram addressed to "George" from Shanghai arrived in Hongkong on October 29 and was not claimed until November 4. Witness said that an advertisement was inserted in the local papers regarding the unclaimed telegram.

At this stage Mr. King handed a document to the Magistrate written on a King Edward Hotel form and drew the Magistrate's attention to certain initials on the form. Mr. King added that the telegram was in fact intended for one of the officers of the Irene, but he wanted to show his Worship the interest the defendant took in the advertisement.

Mr. Leask, objecting, said that Mr. King could, at the very highest, be expressing a matter of personal opinion.

His Worship agreed and excluded the document.

Another employee of the Telegraph Company testified to having searched the files for telegrams to or from "Kahn Sahib," an address which was registered with the Company on November 8. He had not traced any message so far.

Mr. King indicated that he had found a telegram amongst Christie's papers addressed to "Kahn Sahib" and this document was put in as evidence, Mr. Leask not contesting it.

At this stage the hearing was formally adjourned for a week and will be resumed on Monday and Tuesday, December 12 and 13 at 2.15 each afternoon, Mr. Leask indicating that the defence would be fairly long.

CHEER 'O CONCERT.

DELIGHTFUL EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

At the Cheer 'O last night, under the direction of Mrs. D. Templeton, the usual fortnightly entertainment was given by the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. A delightful programme was provided, consisting of songs, piano selections and manipulations, and of delicate selections. The artists were Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Gardner, and Messrs. Russell, Davidson and Canny.

Mr. J. Fountain presided at the piano.

After the concert there was dancing until about mid-night. Mrs. Gardner's singing was highly appreciated by all present. Mrs. Gardner is a newcomer to the Colony and hope was expressed by those present that she would appear at future functions.

NEW BUS TESTS.

THORNCROFT VEHICLE IS GIVEN TRIAL.

In keeping with their policy of replacing, with more commodious and up-to-date vehicles, the old buses which have served their period of usefulness with the passing of the first stage in development of motor passenger traffic on the mainland, the China Motorbus Company have ordered six new Thornycroft machines. Three of these have already arrived complete with chassis and body. It took but one day under the expert direction of a Thornycroft engineer to assemble one of these vehicles, and to put it on the road yesterday when it underwent one of the most gruelling tests to which a motor vehicle could be subjected. The vehicle responded perfectly to all tests, and after a lengthy drive, Traffic Sergeant Mason, who is one of the most pessimistic of officers when the work resolves itself into a matter of testing brakes, could find nothing wrong either with the braking system or the engine. This favourable view was also extended to the seating accommodation and to certain other improvements, which include the provision of a lighted "Bus Full" sign and a rubber tail lamp guaranteed against all "reasonable" breakage.

Local Design.

When the choice of a British machine was made, and it was decided to place an order for six of these vehicles from the well-known Thornycroft Company, the China Bus Company's officials worked out the designs of the body and interior arrangements in collaboration with the Thornycroft representative after a careful study based on past experience with local conditions. To ensure satisfaction from all points of view, the designs were then submitted to the authorities, and were approved before being sent with the order. The result was that a most distinct improvement has been achieved with these new Thornycroft buses. The bodies, built according to these specifications, arrived along with the chassis and all that is required is to fit them to the carriages before vehicles in their complete and serviceable form are put on the road. Each of the vehicles has seating accommodation for twenty passengers. The eight first-class passengers are seated on upholstered seats which yield agreeably to the action of springs and pliable metal.

As stated, complete satisfaction was expressed with the conduct of the vehicle during yesterday's trials. There were present besides Sergeant Mason, Inspector Alexander of the Traffic Office, Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, local Manager of Messrs. Thornycroft, and Mr. S. Howard, the English Company's engineer.

The delivery of the whole consignment valued at over \$11,000, will be completed on arrival here, on the 14th instant, of the remaining three Thornycroft buses. The China Motorbus Company's officials state that they expect to put all the six Thornycroft buses on the road before the end of the year.

PROMISSORY NOTES.

MONEYLENDER SUES HOTEL MANAGER.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Wood, Dally Singh, an Indian moneylender sued Mr. J. H. White, the manager of the Kowloon Hotel, for \$880.40 as money lent under two promissory notes dated April 9 and May 15 this year. Mr. D. McCallum was for the plaintiff.

At the beginning of the case his Lordship said that the parties were concerned in a Summary Jurisdiction action earlier this year. Judgment was then entered for the plaintiff and an order for instalments was made.

In his evidence the plaintiff said the first note, signed on April 9, was for a loan of \$400. He handed the money to the defendant personally. None of the interest or the principal had been paid although he had made applications for it. The other note was for \$300 and he had been equally unsuccessful in obtaining the return of any part of it.

The defendant said that he had been the manager of the Kowloon Hotel since June 1. Previous to that he had been out of work for some months. He admitted the previous action, saying that he paid the sum into court in two instalments.

He denied that he signed the notes on the dates mentioned, stating that at that time he was out of work. The plaintiff, he said, brought them to the hotel and at his request he (defendant) dated them back to April and May.

Mr. McCallum—At one time you were manager or sub-manager of the Hongkong Hotel and you have held posts at times which required a certain amount of business knowledge. Did you not know it was wise, when signing for a renewal of a promissory note, to get the old one back?—I admit that I made a mistake there.

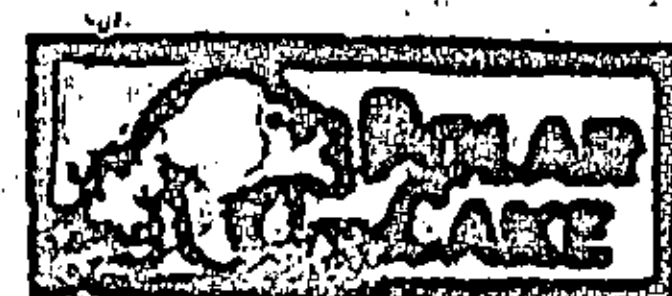
It was explained that the note was originally issued by Annam Singh, who died in 1924.

In giving judgment for the plaintiff, his Lordship remarked that the defendant had failed to bring evidence in support of his statement that he had not signed the notes on the dates mentioned, and he could hardly accept his story.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

London, Dec. 2.—Viscount Chilton, British Minister at Vienna, has been appointed Minister at Copenhagen.

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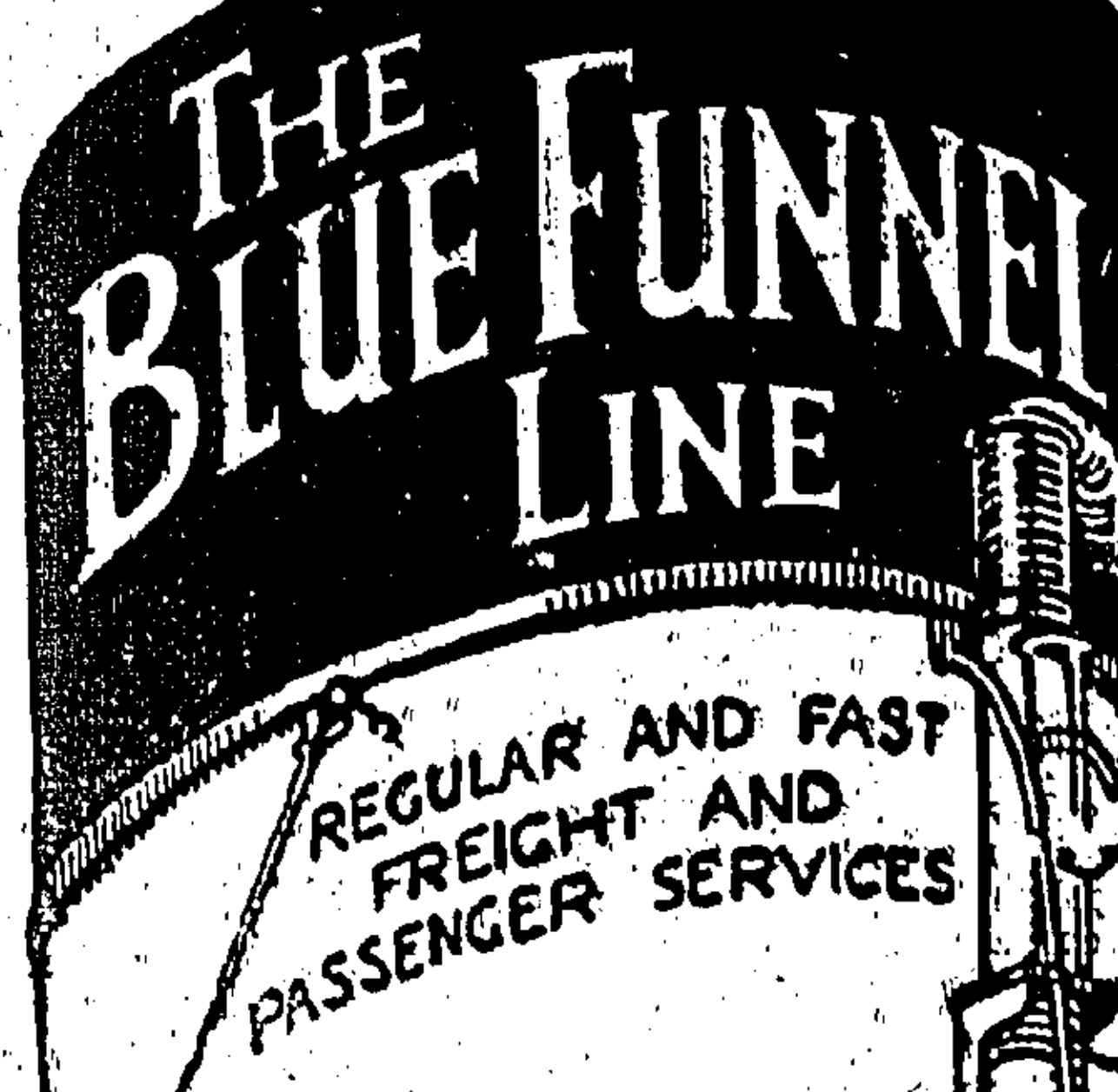
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HONGKONG AND MALAYA CRICKETERS.

The Hongkong and Malaya cricket teams, taken during the recent Interport festival. The
Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern is seen seated between the two captains. (Photo: Ming Yuen).FAMOUS ENGLISH
COTTAGES.MOVE TO SAVE GEMS OF
ARCHITECTURE.

London, Nov. 4.

A public meeting was held
yesterday at Woking, Sussex
under the auspices of the Royal
Society of Arts, to consider steps
to preserve the three famous
Thomas a Becket houses at West
Tarring, which were built about
A.D. 1400.The property recently came into
the auction room and was pur-
chased by Mr. Mackenzie Ross to
save the buildings from demolition.The Mayor of Worthing, Council-
lor C. B. Cook, who presided,
read letters from the Archbishop
of Canterbury and Earl Winter-
ton warmly commending the ob-
ject of the meeting.Sir Frank Baines, late Director
of Works of H. M. Office of Works
and chairman of the Royal Society
of Arts Fund for the Preservation
of Ancient Cottages, said that in
the cottages at West Tarring they
saw work of craftsmen who built
these cottages when they had an
invaluable appreciation of real
beauty, which allowed them to build
in that incomparable manner.Cottage architecture was really
traditional, and there was no other
country in the world which had
similar work available for its
people to see and enjoy. In no
other part of the world could they
see such little gems of architecture
as those to be found in various
parts of this country.English architecture was pecu-
liarly national, and they had to bear
in mind that once they had lost
with these brilliant things of the
past they could not recapture them.The Royal Society of Arts
realised that they had to act now
if the remaining cottages in this
country were to be preserved.The mayor said that a sum of
£950 was needed and that more
than £100 had been subscribed.FRAUD ON A PARIS
BOOKMAKER.THREE POLICE OFFICERS
SENTENCED.

Paris, Nov. 3.

Details of a Paris police scandal
were disclosed in the Correctional
Court today.One day last June a bookmaker's
clerk was collecting bets in a cafe
near the Gare du Nord when he
was pounced upon by two plain-
clothes policemen, who took him
to the police station. There the
station inspector said: "You owe
£135 to one of your clients, M.
Knaepen. You have got to pay
him or go to gaol!"The clerk protested that he had
never received a bet from Knaepen,
but the station inspector insisted,
and the frightened clerk signed an
agreement to pay by instalments
the sum demanded. He handed
over a first instalment of £40.Later he informed the judicial
authorities, and the inspector, the
plain-clothes policemen, and Knae-
pen were arrested.The court sent the inspector, who
confessed that he was the author
of the plot, to prison for a year
and sentenced the two subordinates
to one month each with the benefit
of the First Offenders Act.Knaepen was sentenced to four
months—also with the benefit of
the First Offenders Act.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1. (a) A quarry brakenman, (b) a maker
of chronometer fittings, (c) a crusher of
coconuts, (d) a coal trimmer,
according to a Government publication
just issued. 2. Collins at Illington, whose
founder was Sam Vezar. 3. Lord Mayor
of London, whose first dates to 1547.
4. "Boulton's Mouth" and "God's mouth"
passing us. 5. Iron, which the Egyptians
found. 6. The Tain of Tibet. (b)
the three-eyed Sphenodon, or springbacked
New Zealand lizard. 7. The twenty days
between Charles I. and Parliament over
the demand of Parliament for the
Presbyterian reform of the church. 8.
Michael Faraday. 9. Voltaire. 10. "Zedie."
11. In the reign of Edward IV, when the
penalty was a fine of twenty shillings. 12.
The Cavalier Parliament of 1629-30, most
of whose members had royal pensions. 13.
The Shamblers, York.HIDDEN ART IN SWISS
VILLAGE.FRESCOES VALUED AT
£100,000.

REPLICA OF "LAST SUPPER."

To be a labourer in the fields
and at the same time a Roman
Catholic priest in charge of his-
torical paintings valued at be-
tween £50,000 and £100,000 is the
paradoxical situation of Father
Rocchi Battista, cure of the pic-
turesque village of Ponte Capri-
ascia, near Tesserete, in the
canton of Ticino, Switzerland, says a
Daily Mail correspondent.One of the most illustrious of
the Italian refugees who fled to
Ticino to escape the Spanish op-
pression in Milan more than 400
years ago was Francesco Melzi,
an intimate friend and pupil of
the great Leonardo da Vinci, and
in recognition of the kindness of
the people of Capriascia he decorated
their churches with frescoes of
infinite beauty. Over the altar
in the church of St. Ambrose is a
copy of da Vinci's "Last Supper,"
and experts have described it as
"the world's best replica of the
world's greatest painting."Unlike the original in Milan, it
is in a state of perfect preserva-
tion and remains almost fresh and
vivid as when it was painted.Although the existence of the
art treasures of Capriascia have
been known to connoisseurs for
some time, they have escaped public
attention owing to the village
being off the beaten track of
tourists.The interest of the authorities
was recently stimulated by the
investigations of an English
painter who drew attention to the
value of the works, and they are
now on the list of Swiss national
monuments and cannot be re-
moved.

Melzi's Great Work.

Melzi's "Last Supper," 20ft.
long and 10ft. high, is about two-
thirds of the size of the Milan
picture, from which it differs
slightly in the colouring of the
Apostles' robes, and instead of the
three windows in the original
Melzi has painted two panels
portraying the sacrifice of Isaac
and Jesus praying in the Garden
of Gethsemane.According to Father Battista
there can be no doubt of the
authenticity of the fresco. In
1519 Melzi accompanied da Vinci
to St. Cloud, in France, whither
the latter had been summoned
by King Francis I., and on the
death of his friend there took
possession of the original cartoons
used for the Milan picture. He
is believed to have worked direct
from these.Father Battista, whose inade-
quate stipend of £30 a year obliges
him to work his own farm, spends
most of his leisure piecing to-
gether the chain of evidence to
authenticate his treasures. He is
a Latin scholar, and during his
researches among the village archi-
vists has unearthed a Latin docu-
ment written in 1803 by Antonio
Menghelli, the village priest, who
put on record the tradition hand-
ed down by the oldest inhabitants
that when Melzi took refuge in
Capriascia in 1522 he begged the
inhabitants to procure him the
colours to paint a copy of his
master's picture.When some years later he left
Capriascia he sent a present to the
village priest of a vestment of
wonderful texture, dated 1526,
which is still used at high cere-
monials of the church.Father Battista told me that a
group of Americans who recently
visited Capriascia offered £20,000
for the fresco, but although the
parish is desperately poor neither
this nor the other paintings, which
would grace any museum in
Europe, are allowed to leave the
country.PRESERVATION OF
OXFORD.SAFEGUARDING NATURAL
BEAUTIES.The proposal to establish an
Oxford Preservation Trust has
evoked widespread interest among
residents in the University and
city and in the neighbouring coun-
ties, as well as among old mem-
bers of the University writes a
Times correspondent. The scheme
marks the culmination of a series
of efforts made in recent years to
safeguard as much as possible of
a tract of country of great natural
beauty, rich in associations for
many besides Oxford men. Some
years before the war the late Mr.
Arthur Johnson, of All Souls, with
characteristic energy and public
spirit, set about to secure Shot-
over; and in 1919 a small group
of Oxford men and women, with
the generous assistance of a few
friends, purchased a considerable
area of ground behind "the two
Hinkseys," including the Happy
Valley running up to Childswoth
Farm and Cumnor Hill with its
elms and pines. The first is to
be kept in perpetuity as an open
space of rough natural ground as
a memorial of Oxford men who
fell in the Great War. Hen Wood
which adjoins this area, is owned
by Sir Arthur Evans, who, it is
understood, intends to secure its
amenities for public permanently.
Through the action of Colonel
fennell, of Wytham Abbey, God-
stow nunnery and ground were
also secured and presented by him
to the University.Preliminary Purchases.
Valuable as these acquisitions
are, it is felt that more must be
done, and that quickly, if the
characteristic beauties of Oxford
and its neighbourhood are to be
preserved. Accordingly, a group
of Oxford men, including some of
those who were concerned with
saving Cumnor Hill, decided in
1926 to form a Preservation Trust
and to appeal for a large fund
which might be so employed that,
while co-operating with local au-
thorities in schemes for the pro-
vision of open spaces and for re-
gional planning, the trust might
be in a position to safeguard
amenities dear to generations of
Oxford men and women. Already
some preliminary purchases have
been made. A hundred acres
have been bought at Marston
which safeguard the left bank of
the Cherwell for three-quarters
of a mile; and quite recently
negotiations have been under-
taken to secure 64 acres of the
central slope of Boar's Hill op-
posite Foxcombe House command-
ing one of the most beautiful and
famous views of the spires and
towers of Oxford. There is every
reason to hope that support will
be forthcoming more than suf-
ficient to permit of the retention
of this beautiful hill slope.It is felt that while public
bodies can do much, they cannot
be expected to do everything at
the cost of the rates, and that the
University and colleges may pro-
vide regard the objects in view
as outside their scope as educa-
tional bodies. The generosity of
chance benefactors cannot be re-
lied upon indefinitely. What is
required is a private society in-
fluentially supported and well
equipped with funds to help the
city and neighbouring counties
in a task which is no matter of
mere local or provincial interest.
The Chancellor and Vice-Chancel-
lor of the University and the Ma-
yor of the city have consented to
serve ex-officio on the governing
body of the trust, which will also
include a representative of, the
Rhodes Trust, five persons
nominated by the Vice-Chancellor,
three elected by the trust in gen-
eral meeting, five co-opted, and
others representing persons or
bodies interested. The articles of
association provide for four clas-
ses of members of the trust: sub-
scribing members, who contribute
at least £1 a year; life members,
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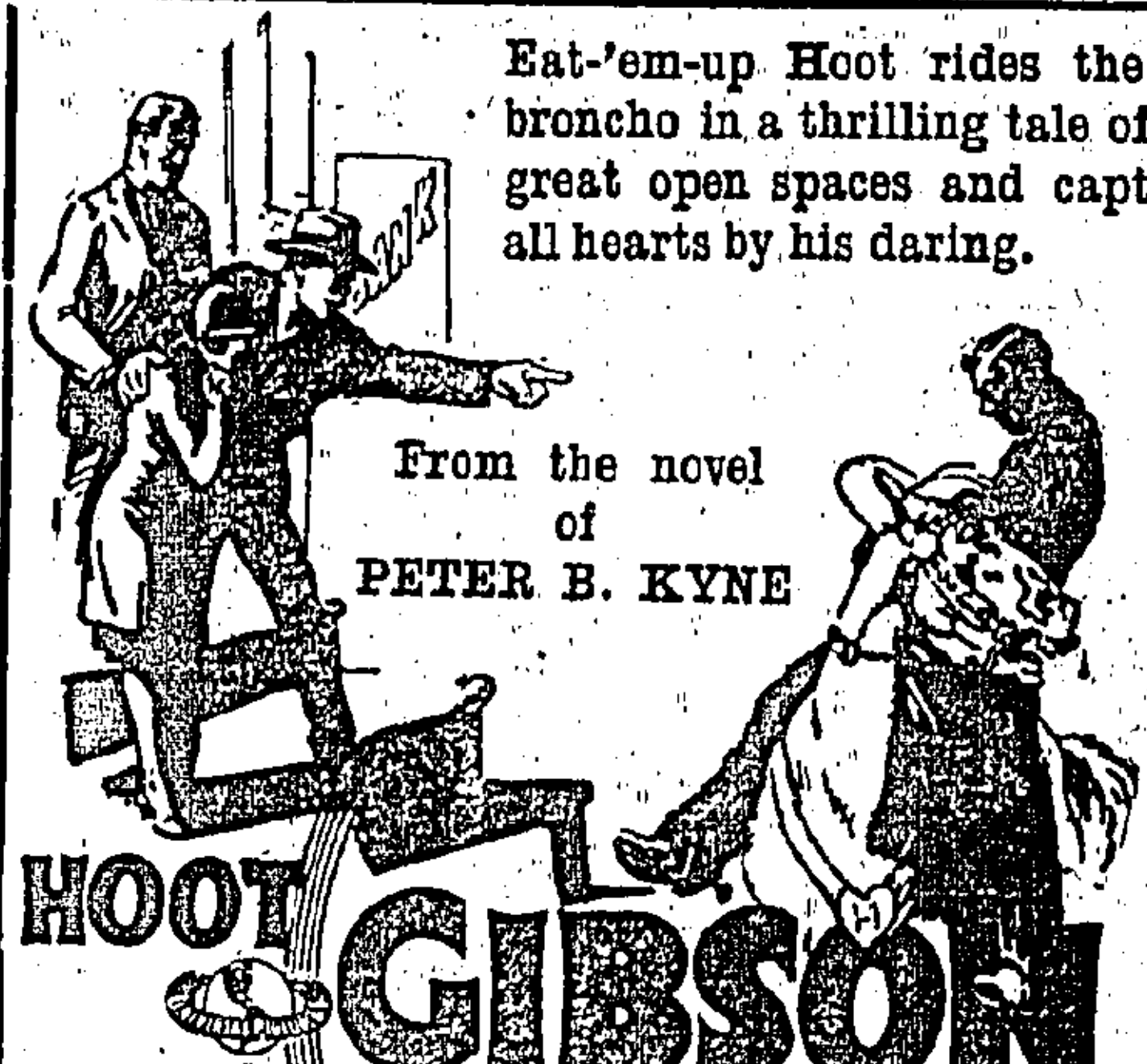
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